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Featuring
**"The CONDEMNED
SUPERMAN!"**

THEY'RE GOING TO USE
THAT WEIRD OTHER-WORLD
METHOD OF EXECUTION
ON ME...YET I'M
INNOCENT!



"CHILDREN of TOMORROW!"

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SUPERMAN

THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE, **SUPERMAN** IS HAILED AS A MIGHTY CHAMPION OF JUSTICE. BUT ON THE PLANET **LEXOR**, WHERE HIS ARCH-ENEMY, **LEX LUTHOR**, IS REGARDED AS A **HERO**, THE **MAN OF STEEL** IS CONSIDERED A **VILLAIN**. AND NOW, ON THIS WORLD OF A RED SUN, WHERE HE HAS NO SUPER-POWERS, EARTH'S MIGHTIEST CHAMPION IS TRIED FOR THE MURDER OF **LUTHOR** AND A TERRIBLE TWIST OF FATE CAUSES HIM TO BECOME...

"The CONDEMNED SUPERMAN!"

ARDORA, WHAT DID YOUR HUSBAND, **LUTHOR**, TELL YOU ABOUT THE ACCUSED?

HE SAID **SUPERMAN** HATED HIM AND WOULD TRY TO KILL HIM... AND HE DID!

IT ISN'T TRUE! I CAME HERE TO ARREST **LUTHOR** FOR THE CRIMES HE COMMITTED ON EARTH! BUT HOW CAN I CONVINCE THESE PEOPLE, WHO IDOLIZED HIM?



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ON A FARAWAY WORLD, A COURT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCES A FATEFUL TRIAL!

NEXT CASE... THE PEOPLE OF THE PLANET LEXOR VERSUS SUPERMAN!



PRISONER, YOU ARE ACCUSED OF MURDER! HOW DO YOU PLEAD?

I PLEAD... NOT GUILTY!



A JURY OF THREE IS CHOSEN, ACCORDING TO LEXORIAN LAW!

BY OUR CUSTOM, YOU JURORS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FROM THREE DIFFERENT GENERATIONS, SO THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE ACCUSED'S AGE IS, ONE OF HIS OWN AGE-GROUP SITS ON THE JURY! BE SEATED, JURORS!



THEN LARTHAN, THE GRIM PROSECUTOR OF LEXOR, MAKES HIS OPENING STATEMENT...

THE PROSECUTION WILL DEMAND THE DEATH PENALTY, FOR WE'LL PROVE THAT THE ACCUSED, SUPERMAN OF EARTH, CAME TO THIS PLANET WITH THE DELIBERATE INTENTION OF COMMITTING MURDER!

THAT'S NOT TRUE! YOU'RE MY DEFENSE LAWYERS... WHY DON'T YOU OBJECT?



SUPERMAN'S DEFENDERS, VEL QUENNAR AND HIS YOUNG PARTNER, GARN ABO, REFUSE!

QUIET! I CAN'T OBJECT TO THE FORMAL CHARGE... IT'LL BE UP TO US TO DISPROVE IT, IF WE CAN!

THEY DIDN'T WANT TO DEFEND ME, BUT WERE CHOSEN BY THE COURT TO DO SO... I FEEL THEY'RE CONVINCED I'M GUILTY!



IT ALL SEEMS LIKE A NIGHTMARE! IT WAS SUCH A SHORT TIME AGO IT ALL BEGAN, WHEN LUTHOR BROKE OUT OF PRISON ON EARTH...



"I TRAILED HIM TO A GREAT SCIENTIFIC ROCKET BASE, AND SOON DEDUCED WHERE HE'D GONE..."

YES, OUR FIRST UNMANNED PROBE-ROCKET LIKE THIS ONE WENT MYSTERIOUSLY OFF COURSE, AND HEADED TOWARD STAR XI5699F!

THEN LUTHOR HID IN THAT ROCKET AND CHANGED ITS COURSE! FOR THAT STAR IS THE RED SUN OF LEXOR, THE WORLD WHERE LUTHOR IS A GREAT HERO!

"ON THIS WORLD OF A RED SUN I HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS, SO WHEN I FOLLOWED LUTHOR, I TRAVELED TO LEXOR BY ROCKET!"

I'LL LAND IN THE JUNGLE AND APPROACH THE CITY WITH CAUTION... EVERYONE ON LEXOR HATES ME BECAUSE THEY THINK I'M LUTHOR'S EVIL ENEMY!

"IN THE JUNGLE, A LEXORIAN HUNTER PRETENDED NOT TO KNOW ME AND OFFERED TO GUIDE ME..."

KEEP AWAY FROM THE MADNESS FLOWER WHOSE PERFUME INDUCES INSANITY! AND WE MUST ALSO AVOID THE TRUTH BEAST, WHOSE BRAIN-WAVES MAKE ANYONE CLOSE TO IT TELL ONLY THE TRUTH!

WHY DOES HE WANT TO AVOID TELLING THE TRUTH? I'LL FIND OUT...

"FORCING HIM CLOSE TO THE UNIQUE TRUTH BEAST, I QUESTIONED HIM, AND DISCOVERED..."

I RECOGNIZED YOU, EVIL SUPERMAN, AND I WAS LEADING YOU INTO ONE OF MY PIT-TRAPS!

IF THAT'S SO, I'LL DROP YOU INTO YOUR OWN PIT... IT'LL HOLD YOU UNTIL I FIND LUTHOR!

"I DID SO, AND WENT ON... BUT LUTHOR HAD SET UP INGENUOUS "SUPERMAN-ALARMS" TO WARN OF MY COMING!"

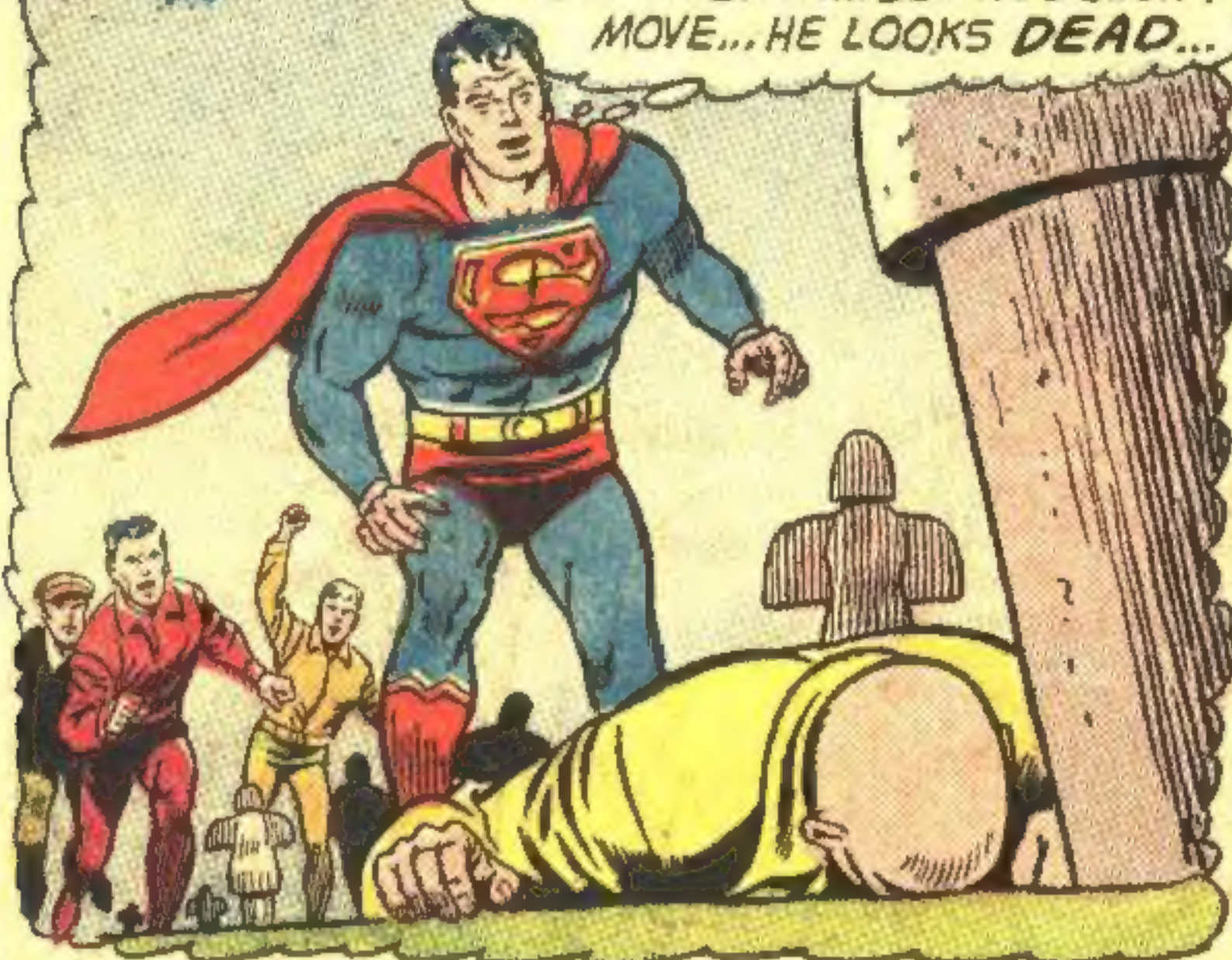
YOU'LL NOT TAKE ME BACK TO PRISON, SUPERMAN... I'M GOING TO SEE THAT YOU NEVER LEAVE LEXOR!

SINCE I DON'T HAVE SUPER-POWERS ON THIS WORLD, I CAN PUNCH YOU IN SELF-DEFENSE... AND IT'S A PLEASURE!

SCREEEEEE

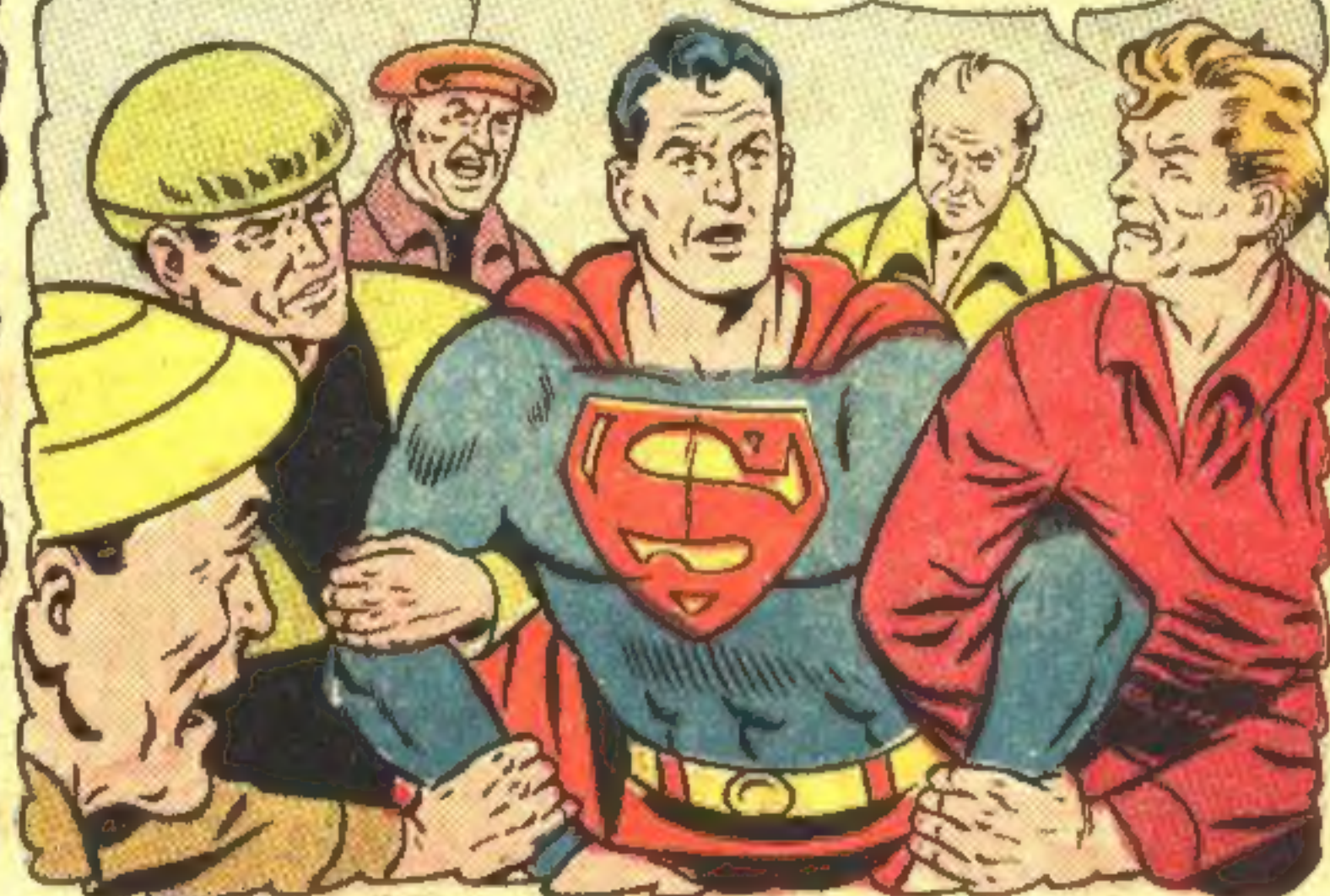
"BUT NEXT MOMENT..."

HE MUST HAVE HIT HIS HEAD AGAINST THAT IMAGE WHEN HE FELL BACK... BUT HE DOESN'T MOVE... HE LOOKS DEAD...



GREAT LUTHOR IS DEAD... HIS ARCH-ENEMY, **SUPERMAN**, HAS KILLED HIM!

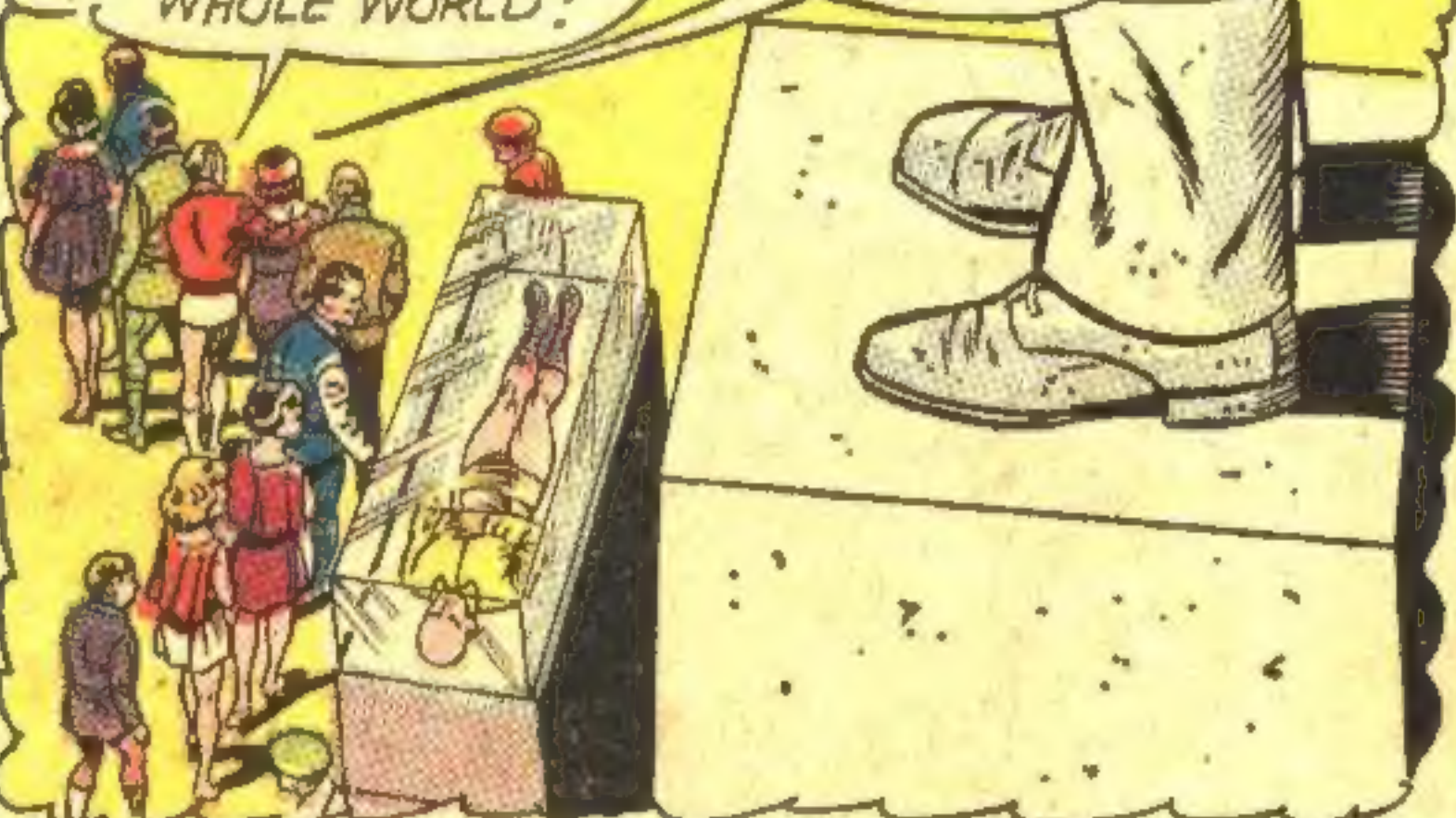
WE SAW THEM FIGHTING, BUT WEREN'T IN TIME! WELL, **SUPERMAN** WILL PAY FOR THIS!



"SO, BY A TERRIBLE IRONY OF FATE, **LUTHOR** LIES IN STATE, MOURNED BY THIS WHOLE WORLD!"

LUTHOR DID SO MUCH FOR US... IT WAS HE WHO REVIVED THE FORGOTTEN SCIENCE OF OUR ANCESTORS AND BETTERED OUR WHOLE WORLD!

AND TO THINK HE MARRIED THE LEXORIAN GIRL HE LOVED, **ARDORA**, JUST BEFORE HE WAS MURDERED! IT'S TOO TERRIBLE!



AND WHILE ALL **LEXOR** MOURNS **LUTHOR**, I AM ON TRIAL FOR MY LIFE!

AS FIRST WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION, I CALL **ARDORA**, THE WIDOW OF **LUTHOR**!



CAN YOU TELL US WHAT **LUTHOR** SAID TO YOU ABOUT **SUPERMAN**? WHY DID HE PUT UP THOSE **SUPERMAN**-ALARMS?

HE SAID **SUPERMAN** HATED HIM SO MUCH, HE'D SURELY COME AFTER HIM AGAIN, FOR A SHOWDOWN! AND I... SOB!... I MADE **LUTHOR** PROMISE NOT TO KILL **SUPERMAN**, BUT TO LET THE LAW DEAL WITH HIM! OH...



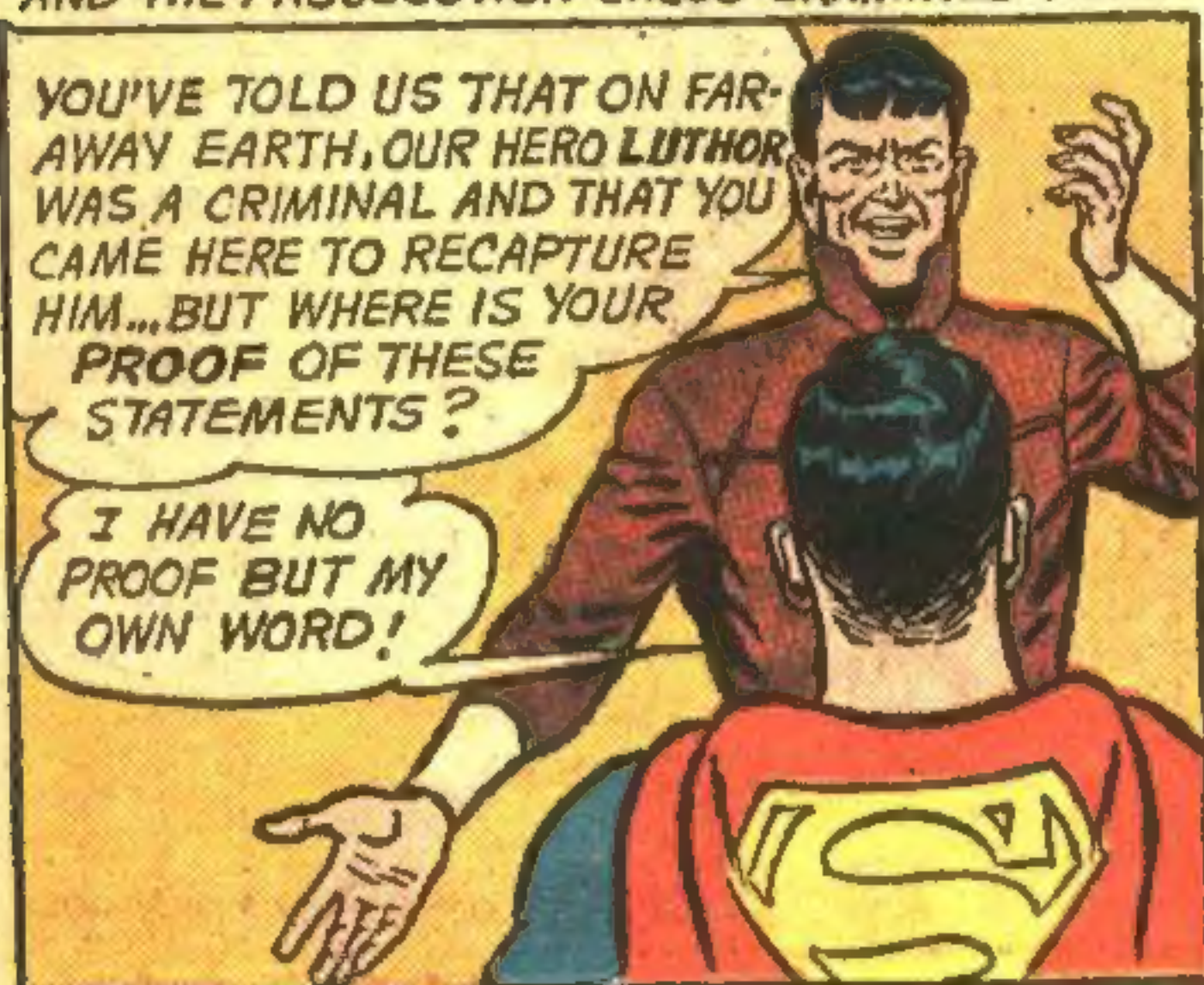
AND THE LAW WILL DEAL WITH **SUPERMAN**! DOES THE DEFENSE WISH TO QUESTION THIS WITNESS?

NO QUESTIONS.





BUT WHEN **SUPERMAN** HAS TOLD HIS STORY, AND THE PROSECUTION CROSS-EXAMINES HIM...



AND WHEN THE FIRST DAY OF THE TRIAL ADJOURNS...

NOT A SOUL IN THAT COURTROOM BELIEVED ME, DID THEY?

I'M AFRAID NOT, BUT DON'T DESPAIR... GARN ABO AND I WILL WORK ALL NIGHT ON A LINE OF DEFENSE...

INSTEAD OF RETURNING SUPERMAN TO HIS FORMER CELL, HIS GUARDS TAKE HIM TO A DIFFERENT ONE...

ANY ACCUSED PRISONER FOR WHOM THE DEATH PENALTY HAS BEEN ASKED MUST, BY LEXORIAN LAW, BE CONFINED IN THIS MAXIMUM SECURITY CELL-BLOCK!

THEY CALL IT THAT, BUT ON EARTH IT WOULD BE CALLED... DEATH ROW!

YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE OF ACQUITTAL! YOU'LL SOON WALK INTO THE STONE ROOM, THE SAME AS ZIN ZABO IS GOING TO DO TONIGHT!

THE STONE ROOM? IT SOUNDS LIKE SOME WEIRD FORM OF EXECUTION... BUT WHAT KIND?

THAT NIGHT, A CONDEMNED PRISONER WALKS TO HIS DOOM!

GOODBYE, ZIN ZABO... IT'S TOO BAD YOU GOT THE LIMIT!

I CAN TAKE IT! THEY SAY IT'S JUST LIKE GOING TO SLEEP!...

THOSE RAYS ARE TURNING ZIN ZABO TO STONE!

SURE... IT'S PAINLESS, BUT FINAL! YOU'LL SOON FIND OUT!

THAT NIGHT, TERRIBLE DREAMS OPPRESS THE MAN OF STEEL

NO... I'M INNOCENT! I WAS TELLING THE TRUTH...

GREAT SCOTT! WHAT A TERRIBLE DREAM... YET IT CAN COME TRUE, UNLESS I CONVINCE THEM I'VE TOLD THE TRUTH! WAIT A MINUTE... I'VE GOT AN IDEA THAT MAY SAVE ME...



AND JUST BEFORE THE TRIAL RESUMES... IT CAN'T BE

MY IDEA IS... SINCE NO ONE CAN TELL A LIE WHEN NEAR A TRUTH BEAST, CAPTURE A TRUTH BEAST AND BRING IT INTO COURT! I'LL TESTIFY, STANDING RIGHT BESIDE IT!

DONE! A TRUTH BEAST'S BRAIN IS SO SENSITIVE, THE THOUGHTS OF MORE THAN ONE OR TWO PEOPLE WOULD UNBALANCE ITS MIND. IT WOULD GO MAD AND DIE IN THIS COURTROOM!



I DIDN'T KNOW THAT! THEN, MY IDEA WON'T WORK...

BUT YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA FROM IT! LET ME CONDUCT THE EXAMINATION, VEL!

ALL RIGHT...



SUPERMAN WAS IGNORANT OF MANY THINGS ON OUR WORLD AND CAME NEAR THE MADNESS FLOWER! I CLAIM ITS PERFUME GAVE HIM TEMPORARY INSANITY, AND THAT HE KILLED LUTHOR WHILE IN THAT STATE!

BUT... BUT...



INSTANTLY, LAR THAN CROSS-EXAMINES!

DID YOU GO NEAR A MADNESS FLOWER AND INHALE ITS PERFUME?

NO, I DIDN'T. THE HUNTER WHO WAS TRYING TO GUIDE ME INTO A TRAP WARNED ME AWAY FROM THE FLOWER!



THAT DESTROYS YOUR "TEMPORARY INSANITY" PLEA! NO MORE QUESTIONS!

I COULD HAVE SAVED SUPERMAN BY THAT PLEA IF HE HADN'T RUINED IT WITH HIS ANSWER!

HMM... HIS ANSWER PUTS THINGS IN A NEW LIGHT...



THE LAST WITNESS IS CALLED... I DIDN'T PERFORM AN AUTOPSY ON HIS BODY, FOR RECENTLY LUTHOR HAD TOLD ARDORA HE NEVER WANTED ONE DONE IF HE DIED... BUT IT WASN'T NECESSARY! ONLY THE SHOCK OF CONCUSSION COULD HAVE KILLED HIM!

AS A PHYSICIAN, YOU EXAMINED DEAD LUTHOR... WHAT WOULD YOU SAY CAUSED HIS DEATH?

AND THAT CONCUSSION COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY SUPERMAN'S ATTACK ON LUTHOR?

THAT IS CORRECT!

HMM... THAT TESTIMONY HAS GIVEN ME A SUSPICION...

AS THE TRIAL ADJOURNS FOR THE DAY... IF ONLY I COULD TEST A SUSPICION I HAVE! TRY TO GET ME PERMISSION TO GO INTO THE CITY BRIEFLY, UNDER GUARD!

LAR THAN IS SMILING, FOR HE KNOWS WE'RE BEATEN! TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY OF THE THREE-DAY TRIAL THAT IS CUSTOMARY ON LEXOR. I FEAR YOU'LL BE CONVICTED!

I'LL TRY...

YOU SAY MY "INSANITY" PLEA CLEARED THINGS UP? BUT MY STRATAGEM FAILED!

YES...IT FAILED BECAUSE SUPERMAN GAVE A TRUTHFUL ANSWER WHEN A LIE WOULD HAVE SAVED HIM! IF HE WOULDN'T LIE IN A SPOT LIKE THAT, THEN HE'S NOT BEEN LYING AT ALL! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM!

LATE THAT NIGHT, VEL QUENNAR COMES TO "DEATH-ROW"...

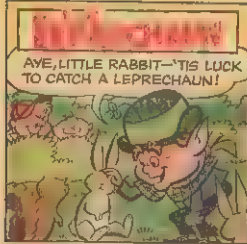
NO WONDER YOU'RE WRAPPED UP...IT'S A COLD NIGHT, AS IT ALWAYS IS THIS TIME OF YEAR! TOO COLD TO WASTE TIME ON THAT MURDERER, SUPERMAN!

BUT I MUST HAVE A LAST CONFERENCE WITH HIM!

SOON, IN THE CELL...

YOUR PLEA TO BE ALLOWED TO GO OUT AND TEST YOUR THEORY WAS REFUSED, SUPERMAN!

I'M NOT SURPRISED... THEN MY LAST HOPE IS GONE! BUT...I WON'T GIVE UP! I'VE GOT TO CLEAR MYSELF!



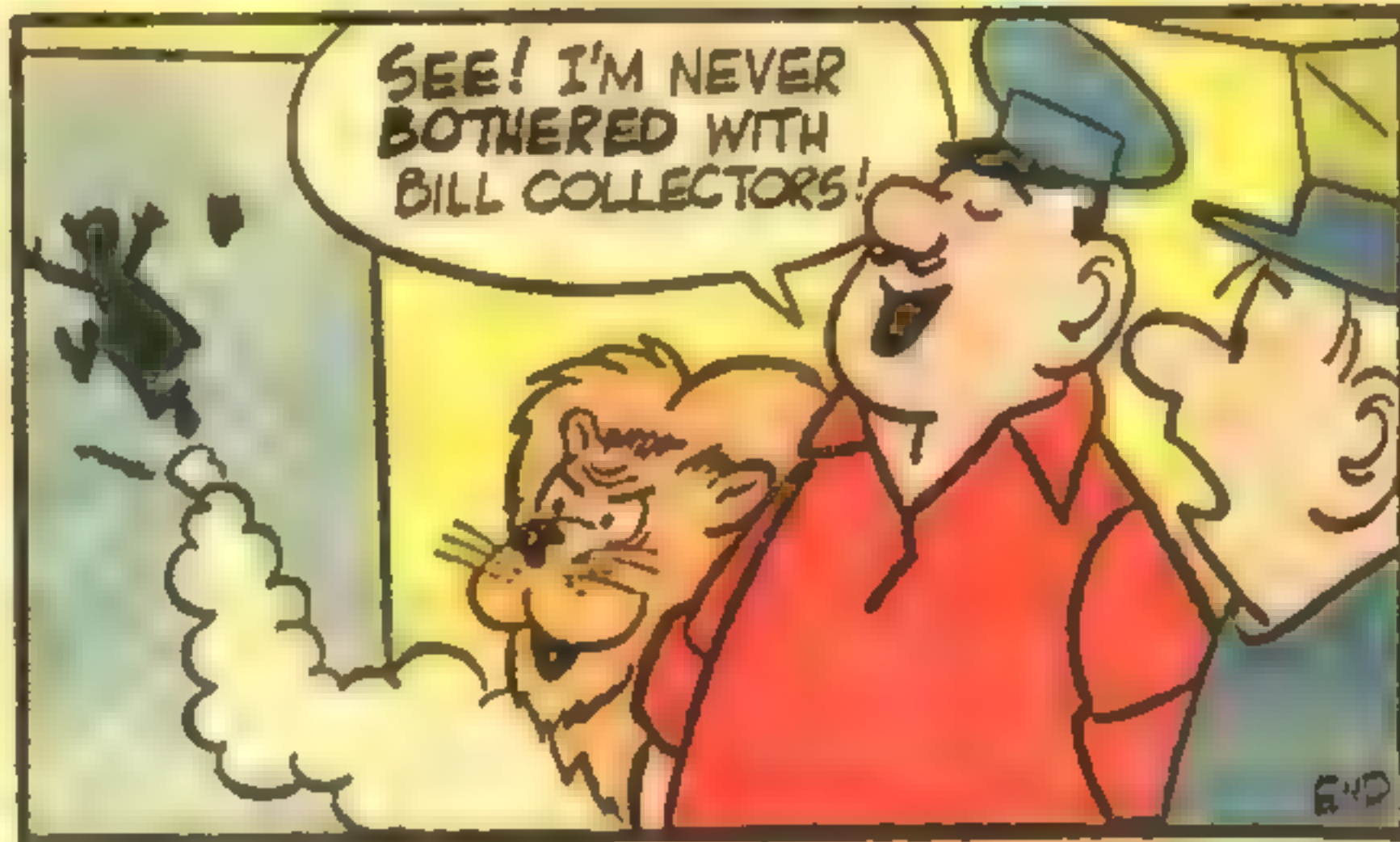
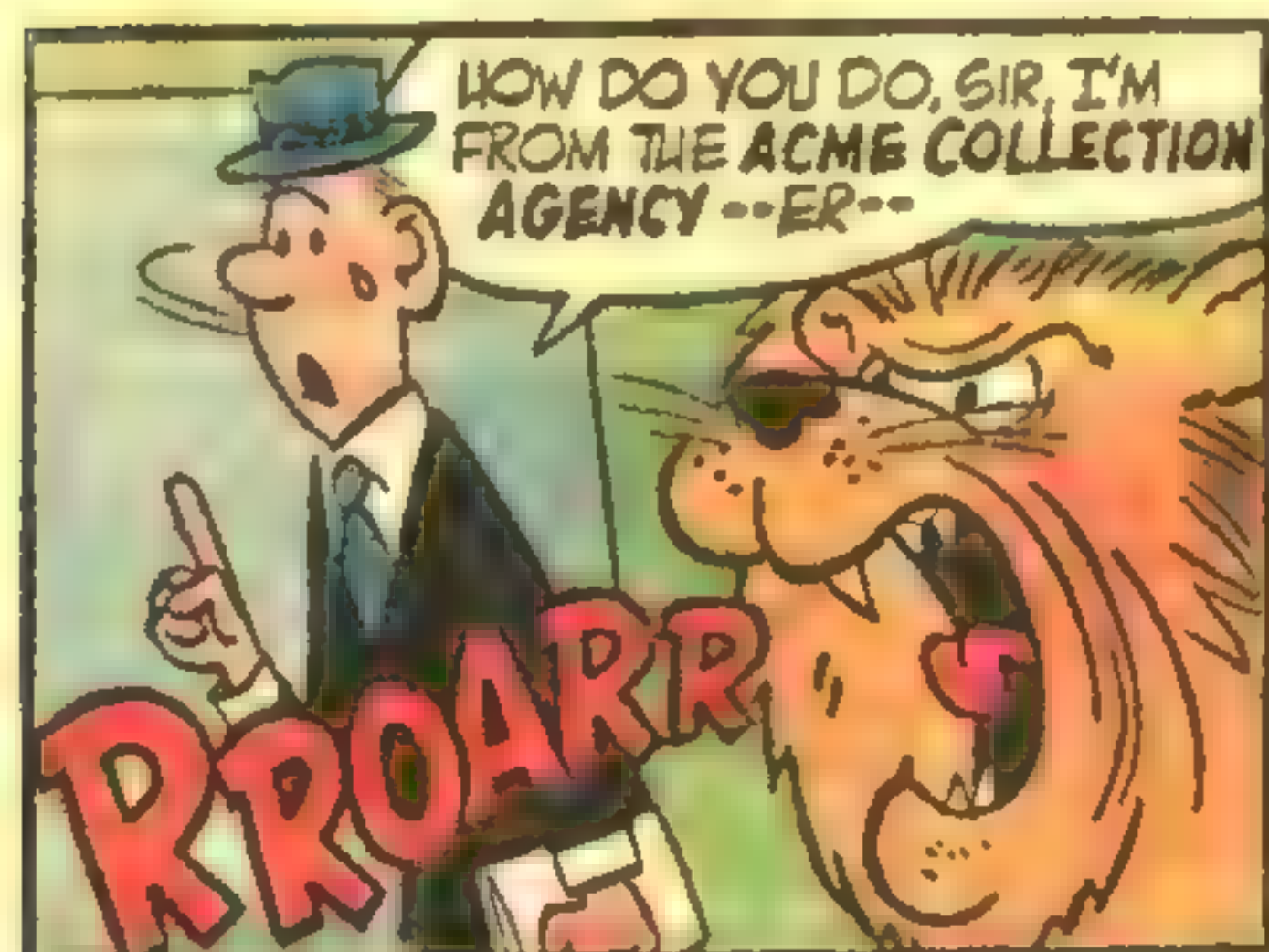
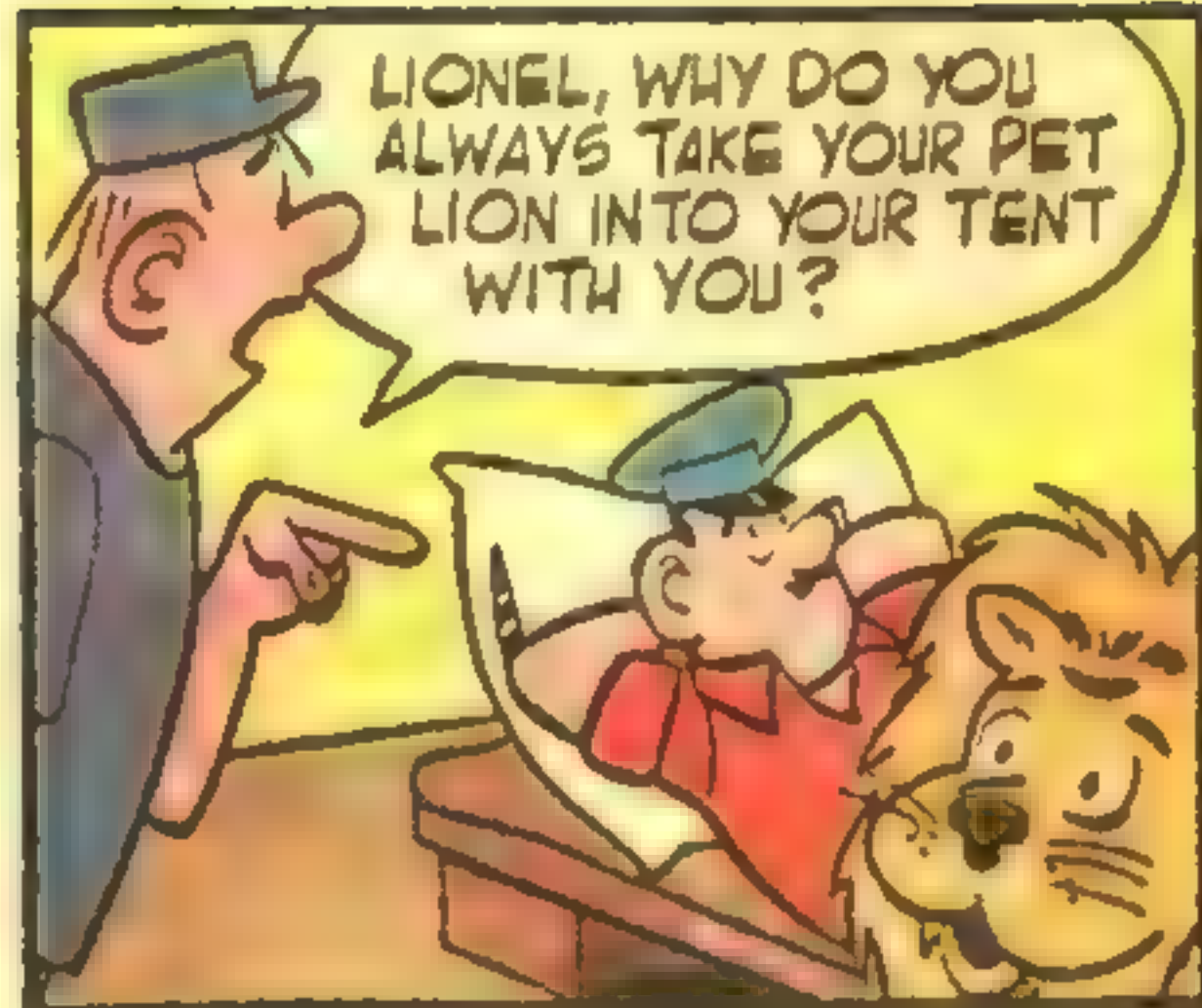
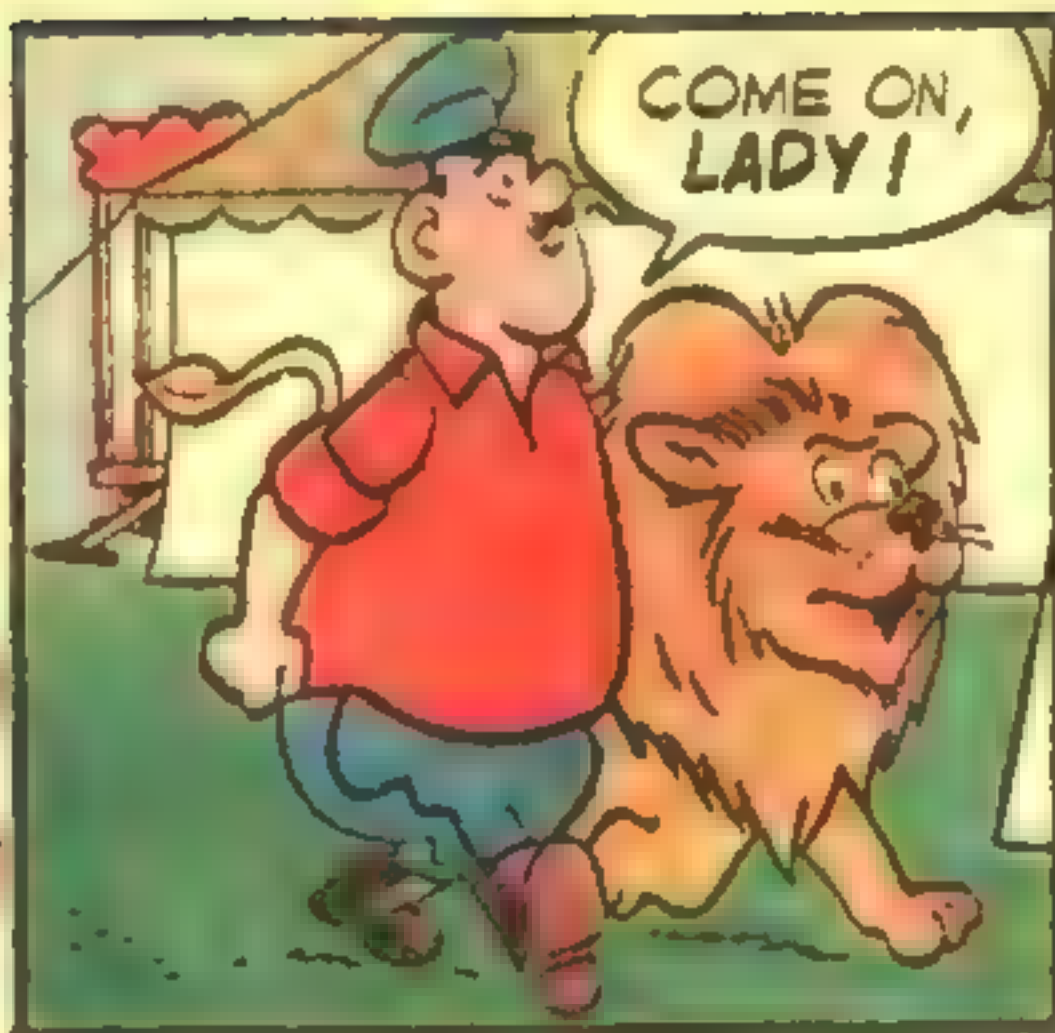
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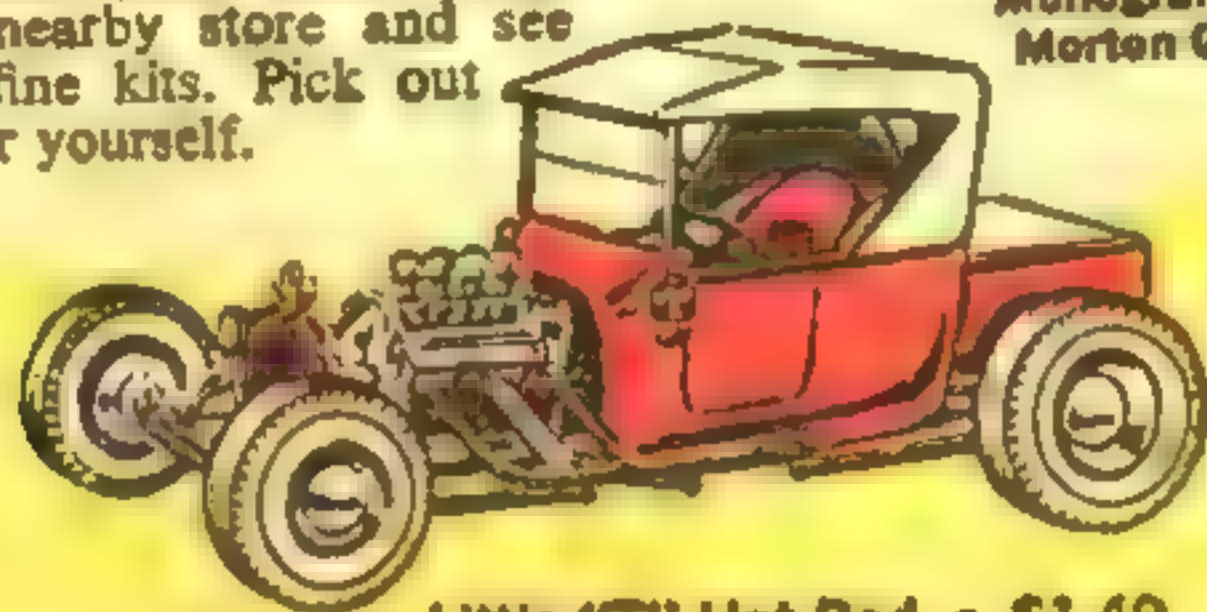


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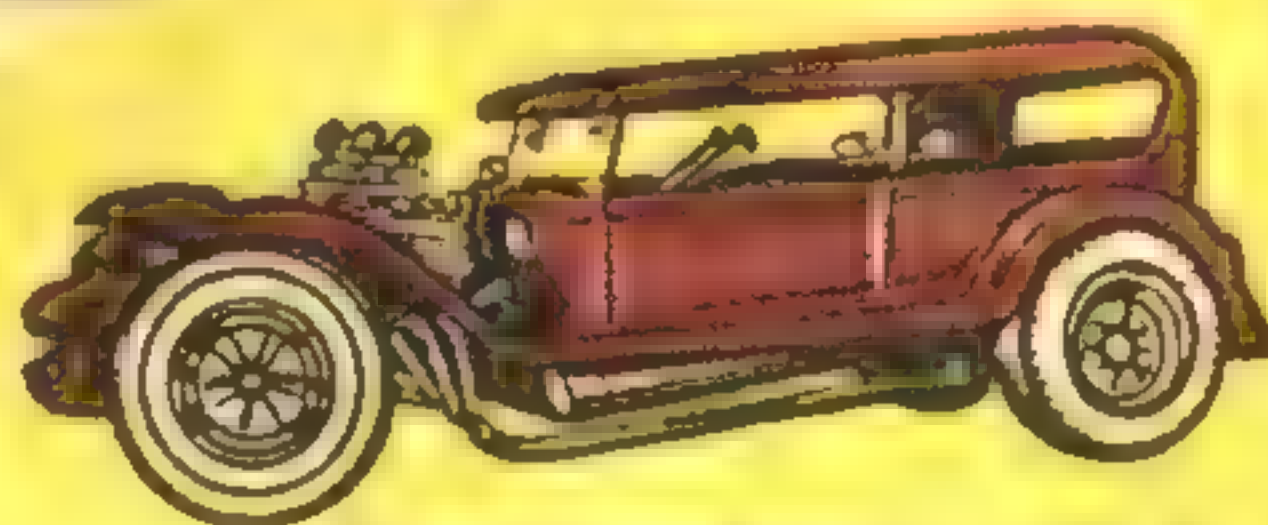


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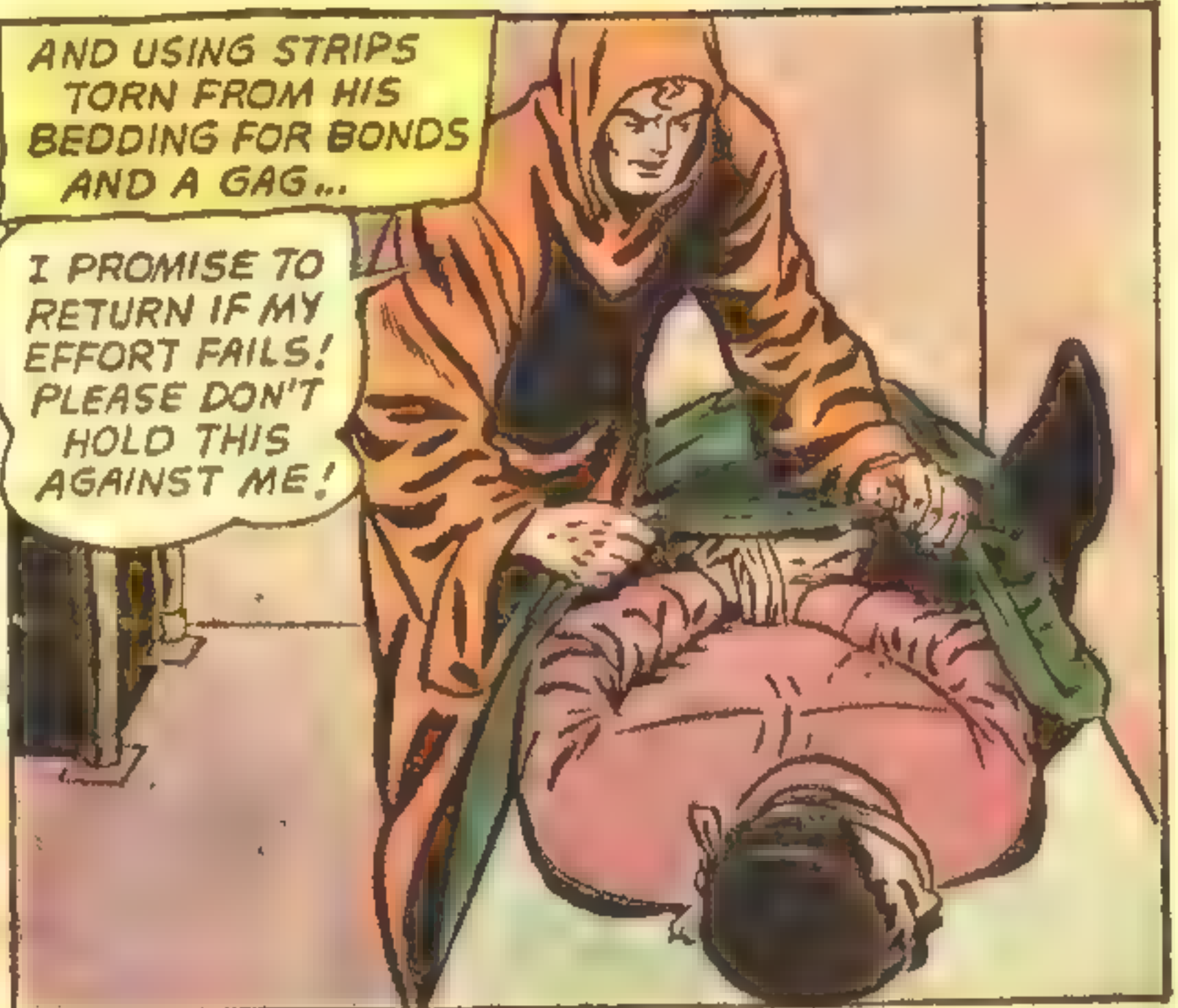
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I'M GOING OUT OF HERE DISGUISED AS YOU. VEL QUENNAR! I WON'T HURT YOU, BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE A FINAL EFFORT TO PROVE MY INNOCENCE!



AND USING STRIPS TORN FROM HIS BEDDING FOR BONDS AND A GAG...

I PROMISE TO RETURN IF MY EFFORT FAILS! PLEASE DON'T HOLD THIS AGAINST ME!



THEN, DISGUIISING HIS VOICE AND CALLING FOR THE GUARD...

SUPERMAN
TOOK MY BAD NEWS HARD... HE SAYS HE WANTS TO SLEEP!

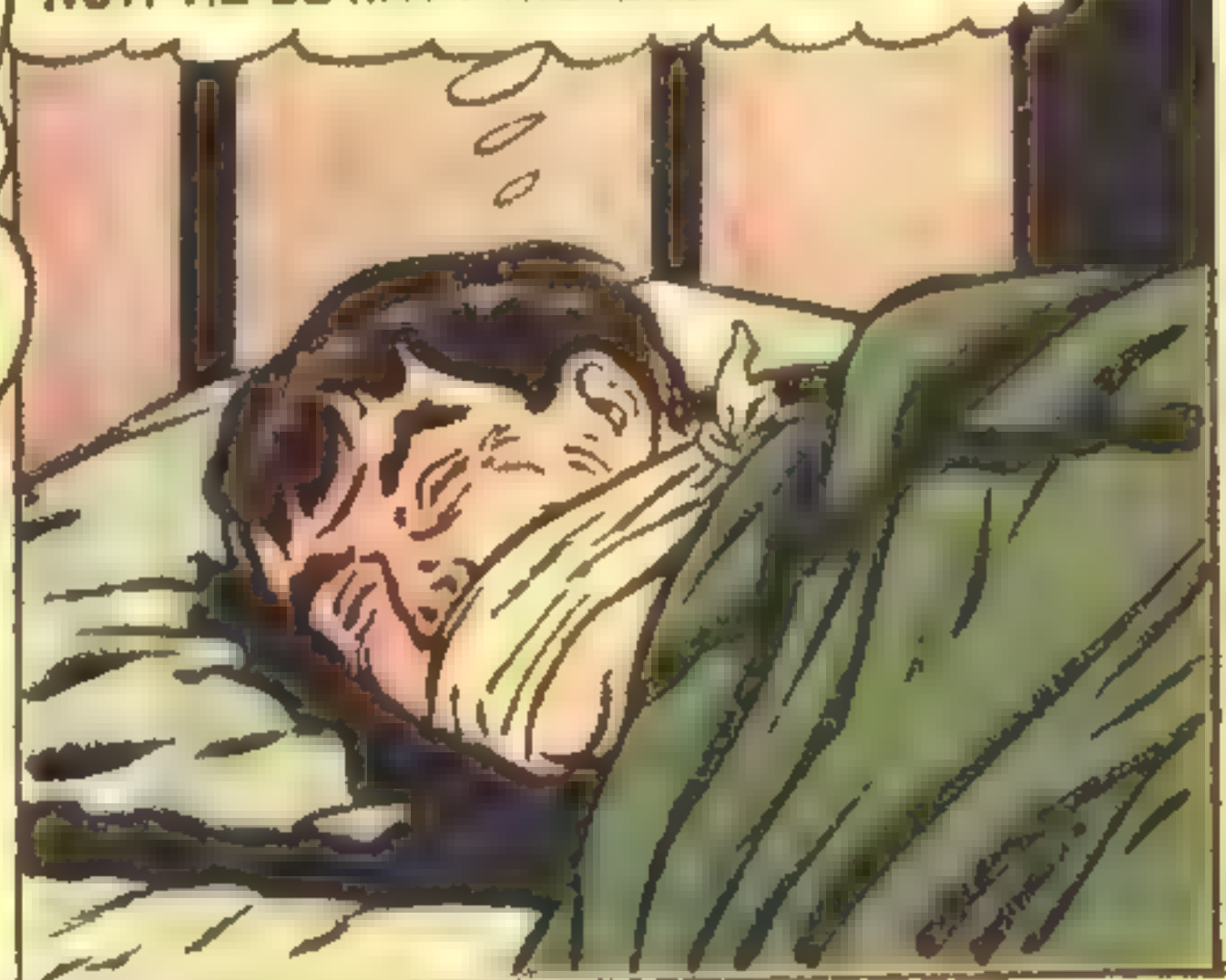


HA, HA! HE'LL GET ENOUGH SLEEP AFTER HE'S WALKED TO THE **STONE ROOM!**

EXECUTION COMES RIGHT AFTER CONVICTION, ON OUR WORLD!

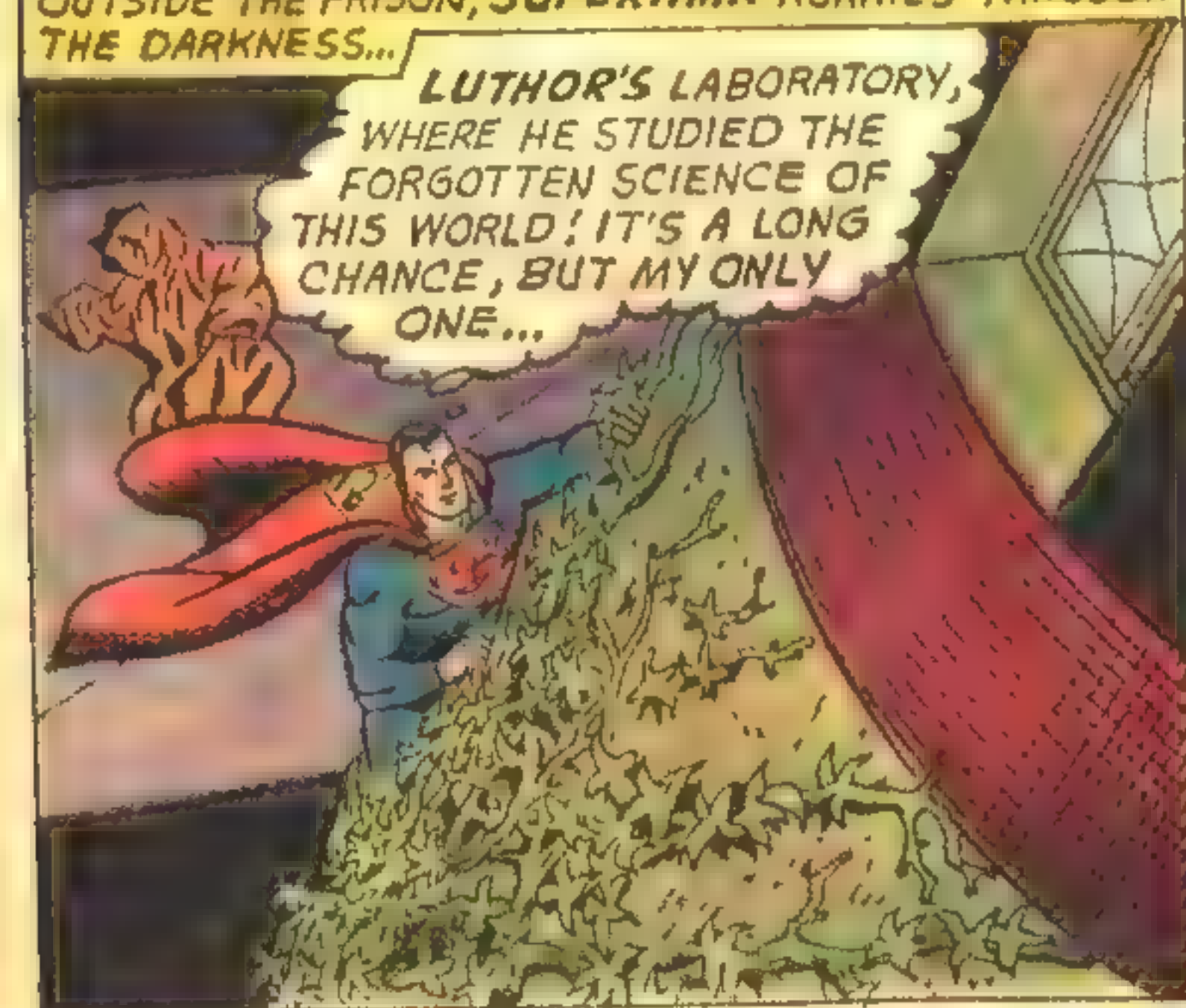


I COULDN'T HELP HIM ESCAPE, OR I'D TRANSGRESS MY DUTY AS A LAWYER... BUT I HAD A HUNCH HE'D SEE HIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUT IN MY COWL AND ROBE! NOW HE'LL HAVE HIS LAST CHANCE!



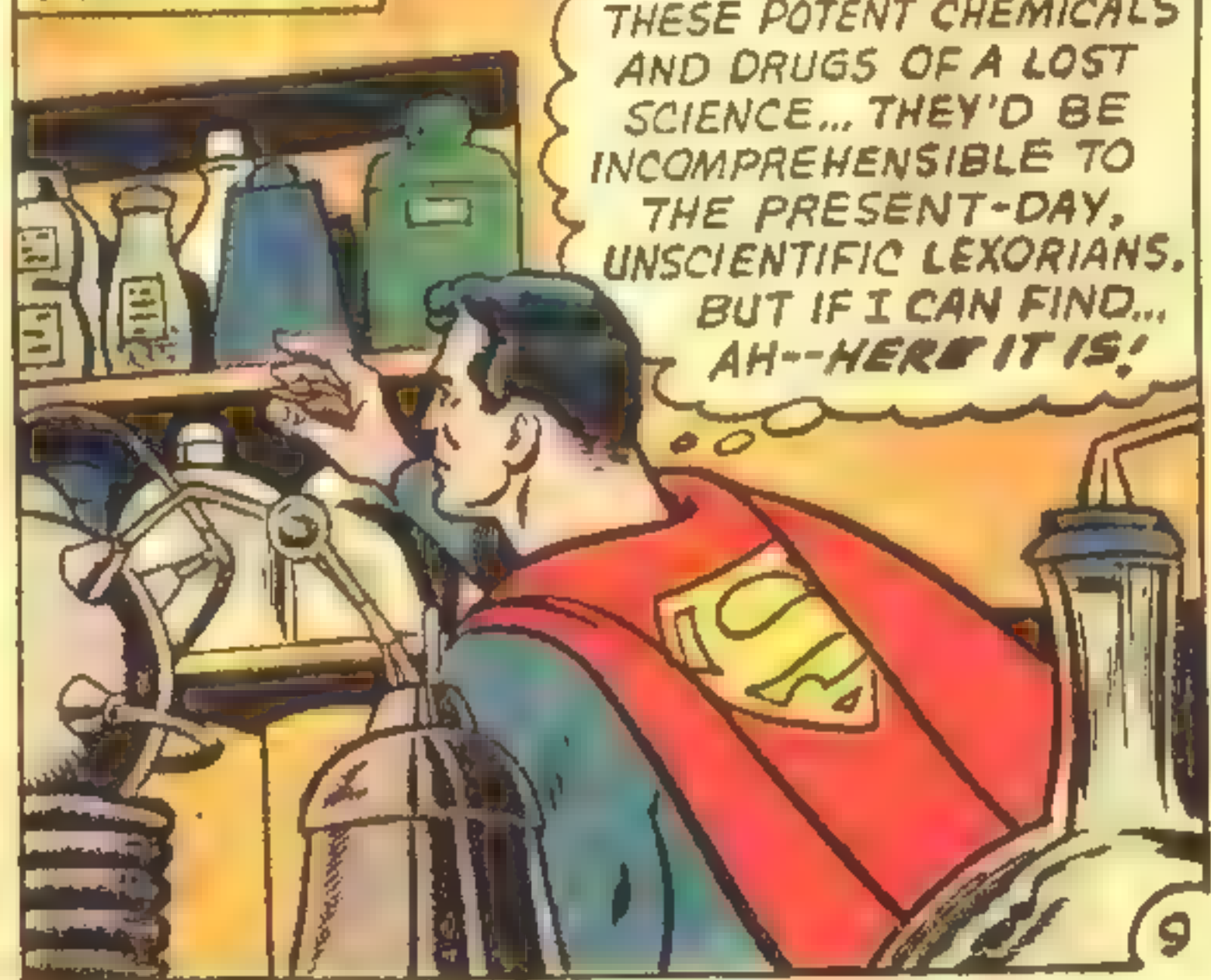
OUTSIDE THE PRISON, SUPERMAN HURRIES THROUGH THE DARKNESS...

LUTHOR'S LABORATORY, WHERE HE STUDIED THE FORGOTTEN SCIENCE OF THIS WORLD! IT'S A LONG CHANCE, BUT MY ONLY ONE...



FEVERISHLY, THE MAN OF STEEL SEARCHES THE LABORATORY...

THESE POTENT CHEMICALS AND DRUGS OF A LOST SCIENCE... THEY'D BE INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO THE PRESENT-DAY, UNSCIENTIFIC LEXORIANS. BUT IF I CAN FIND... AH--HERE IT IS!



LUTHOR LABELLED THESE DRUGS IN ENGLISH SO LEXORIANS COULDN'T READ THEM AND KNOW HIS SCIENTIFIC SECRETS! BUT THIS IS IT... NOW, IF I CAN ONLY FIND A POWERFUL ANTIDOTE!

COMA DRUG
ONE TABLET, WHEN SWALLOWED, WILL INDUCE DEATHLIKE COMA FOR FIVE DAYS

MINUTES MORE OF TENSE SEARCH, AND THEN...

IF I'VE GUESSED RIGHT, AND IF THIS RESTORATIVE WORKS... BUT IT'S ALMOST DAWN! I'VE LITTLE TIME LEFT TO TRY THIS OUT!

SHOCK RESTORATIVE CHEMICAL

UNDER THE CHILL LEXORIAN NIGHT, THE GLASS-ENCLOSED BODY OF LUTHOR LIES WITH ITS HONOR-GUARD AROUND IT!

I FORGOT THE GUARD OF HONOR! WITHOUT SUPER-POWERS, I CAN'T OVERPOWER THEM ALL... AND IT'LL SOON BE DAYLIGHT!

IN HONOR OF LEX LUTHOR FOR HIS MANY SCIENTIFIC FEATS

SUDDENLY, ACROSS THE CITY RINGS A WILD ALARM!

CLANG CLANG

ALL GUARDS REPORT FOR DUTY... THE MURDERER, SUPERMAN, HAS ESCAPED! HE OVERPOWERED HIS LAWYER AND SLIPPED OUT!

QUICK! SURROUND THE WHOLE PRISON AREA!

CATCHING LUTHOR'S MURDERER IS OUR FIRST DUTY... COME ON!

IN HONOR OF LEX LUTHOR FOR HIS MANY SCIENTIFIC FEATS

MY OWN ESCAPE BEING DISCOVERED HAS GIVEN ME A CHANCE... BUT I'VE GOT ONLY MOMENTS, BEFORE THE WHOLE CITY IS AWAKE!

RACING TO THE BIER
OF LUTHOR...

IT'S ALL OR
NOTHING NOW...
EITHER MY SUSPICION
IS RIGHT, OR IT'S
WRONG AND I'LL
BE RECAPTURED...

NEXT MOMENT, AS THE POWERFUL RESTORATIVE WORKS...

SUPERMAN!
BUT I THOUGHT!

YOU THOUGHT THE COMA DRUG
WOULD KEEP YOU **PSEUDO-DEAD**
FIVE DAYS! KNOWING THAT
LEXORIAN TRIALS ONLY
TAKE THREE DAYS, YOU
FIGURED I'D BE
CONVICTED AND
EXECUTED FOR YOUR
MURDER BY THE
TIME YOU WOKE UP.

I SUSPECTED THAT WHEN IT WAS TESTIFIED YOU'D
ASKED **ARDORA** NEVER TO ALLOW AN AUTOPSY OF
YOUR BODY IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU. WHY
WOULD YOU REQUEST THAT UNLESS YOU WERE
PLANNING TO REVIVE? GO AHEAD... TALK!

I... I HAVE TO
ADMIT IT...

AND, DAZED BY HIS SUDDEN AWAKENING, **LUTHOR**
CONFESSES HIS SCHEME!

I KNEW YOU'D COME
TO TAKE ME BACK TO EARTH
PRISON... I WANTED TO GET
RID OF YOU FOREVER, BUT
I'D PROMISED **ARDORA** I
WOULDN'T KILL YOU, AND I
COULDN'T BREAK THAT
PROMISE! SO I CARRIED
A COMA DRUG TABLET
IN MY HAND...

"I DELIBERATELY ATTACKED YOU SO YOU
HAD TO PUNCH ME IN SELF-DEFENSE..."

"AND I WAS CAREFUL TO FALL **FACE DOWN**, WITH
MY HAND AGAINST MY FACE..."

I'VE MADE HIM
HIT ME AS I
PLANNED... NOW
TO PRETEND
THAT MY HEAD
HITS THE STATUE!
MUST TIME
THIS JUST
RIGHT...

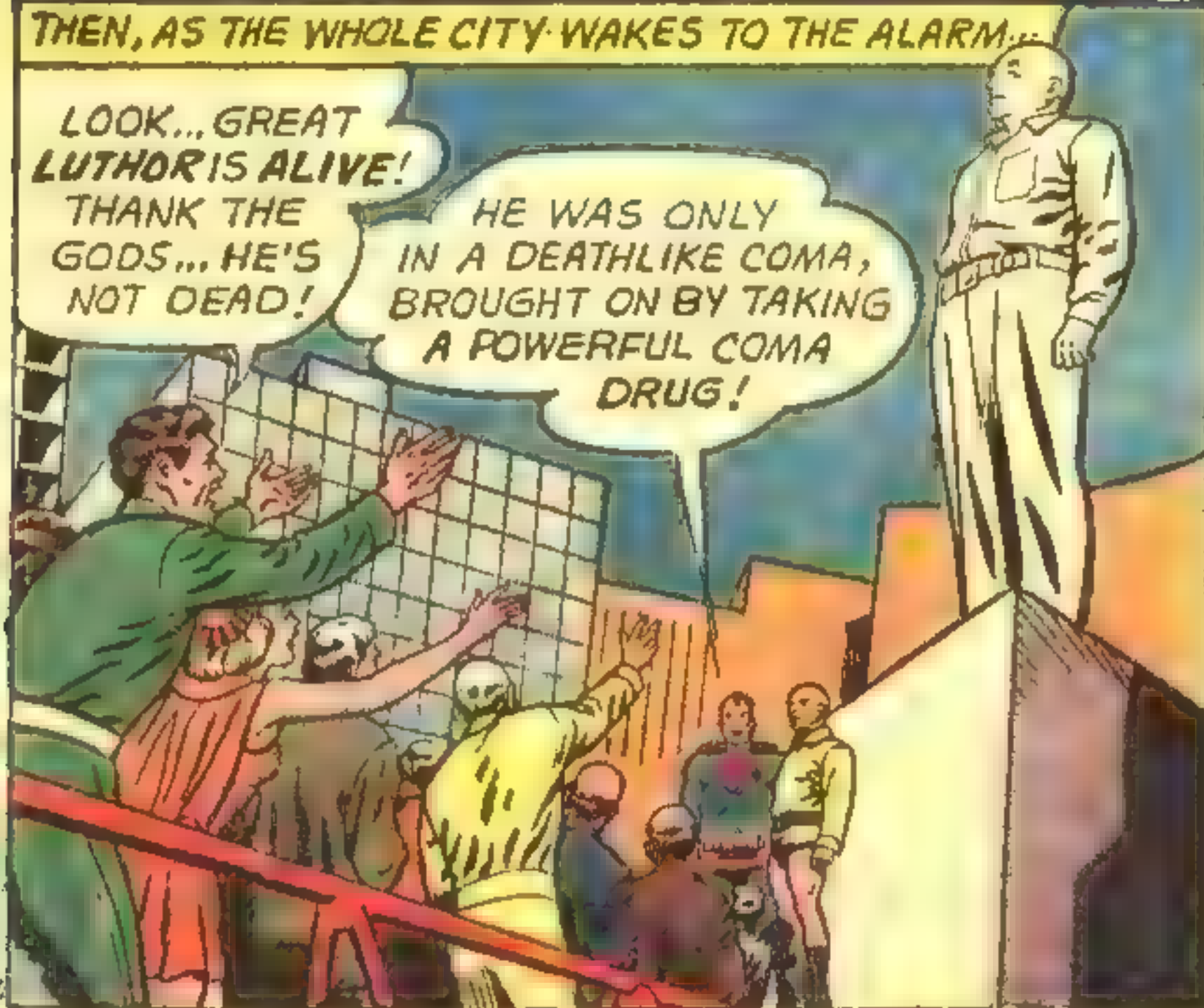
HE CAN'T SEE ME SWALLOW THE COMA DRUG... IT'LL
PUT ME IN DEATHLIKE TRANCE FOR FIVE DAYS! BY
THAT TIME, **LEXORIAN JUSTICE** WILL HAVE
CONVICTED AND EXECUTED HIM FOR MY
MURDER!

THEN, AS THE WHOLE CITY WAKES TO THE ALARM...

LOOK... GREAT LUTHOR IS ALIVE!

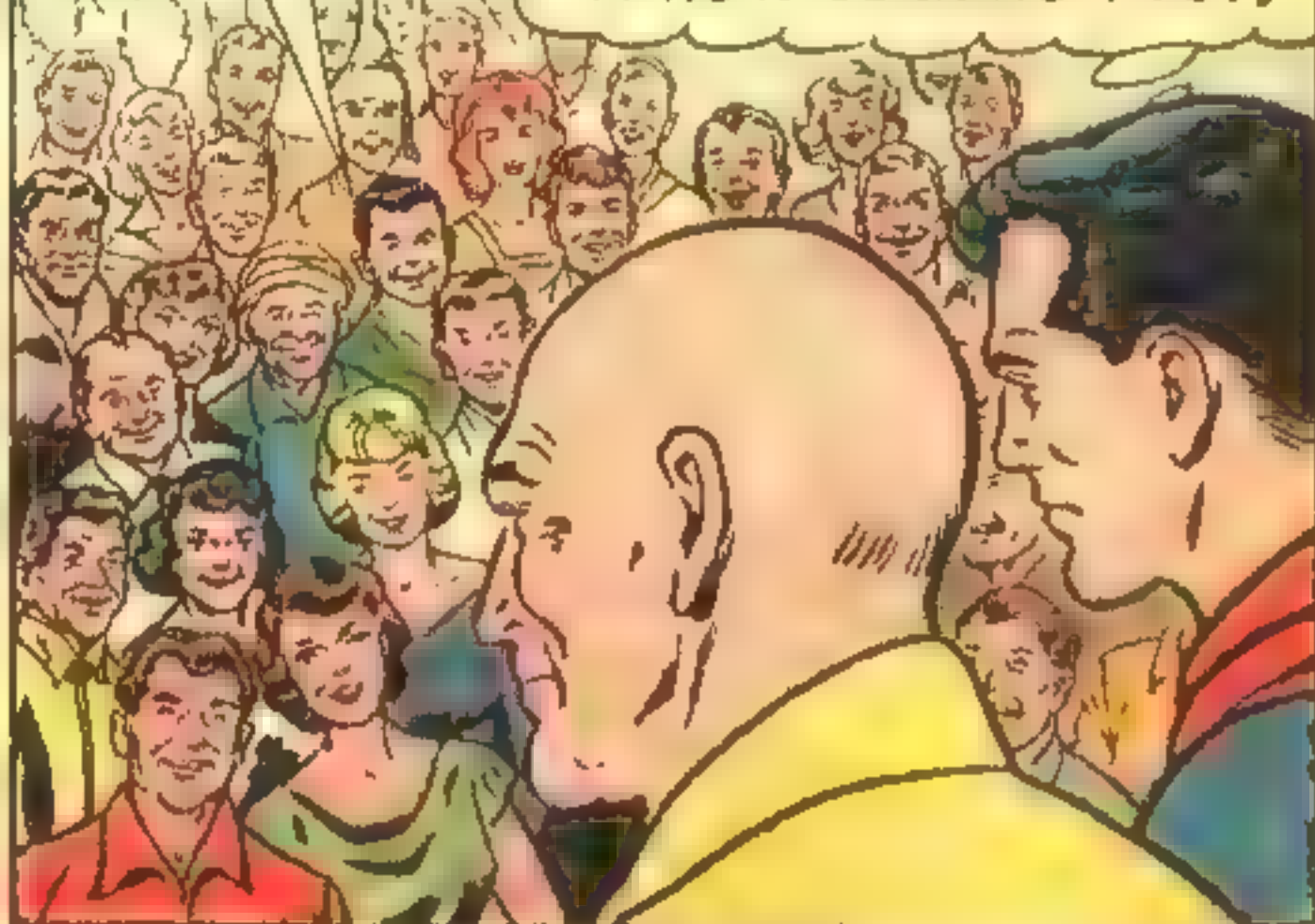
THANK THE GODS... HE'S NOT DEAD!

HE WAS ONLY IN A DEATHLIKE COMA, BROUGHT ON BY TAKING A POWERFUL COMA DRUG!



DID YOU HEAR THAT? GREAT LUTHOR ACCIDENTALLY TOOK A COMA DRUG, AND WASN'T DEAD AT ALL!

THEY WORSHIP HIM SO, THAT THEY INSTANTLY ASSUME HE TOOK THE DRUG BY ACCIDENT! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO CONVINCE THEM HE DID IT AS A CUNNING PLOT.



LATER, WHEN SUPERMAN'S EFFORTS TO CONVINCE THEM HAVE INDEED FAILED...

YOUR FALSE CHARGES AGAINST GREAT LUTHOR ARE WITHOUT PROOF, AND ARE SET ASIDE! BUT AS YOU DID NOT MURDER HIM, YOU ARE FOUND NOT GUILTY... AND ARE HEREBY BANISHED FROM LEXOR!

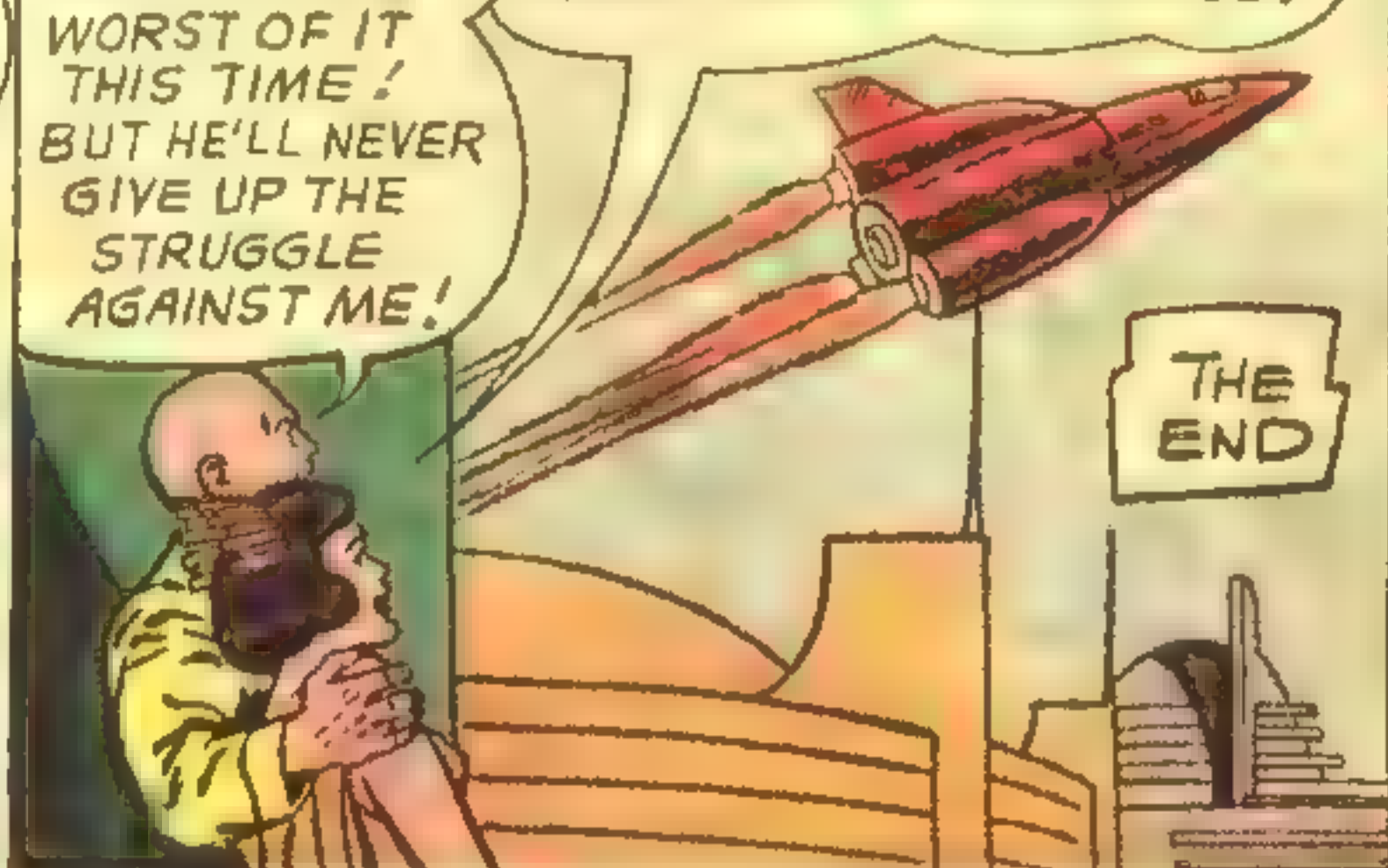
AS I EXPECTED! ANYWAY... THANKS, VEL QUENNAR AND GARN ABO, FOR DEFENDING ME! I OWE YOU A LOT!



AND WHEN SUPERMAN'S ROCKET TAKES OFF FROM LEXOR...

THERE GOES SUPERMAN BACK TO EARTH... HE GOT THE WORST OF IT THIS TIME! BUT HE'LL NEVER GIVE UP THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ME!

DON'T THINK OF HIM, DEAR! I WANT ONLY TO THINK OF THE WONDERFUL FACT THAT YOU... MY HERO, AND LEXOR'S HERO... ARE STILL WITH US!



THE END

METAMORPHO

The ELEMENT MAN

...ABLE TO WILL THE CHEMICALS OF HIS BODY INTO ANY SHAPE OR FORM!

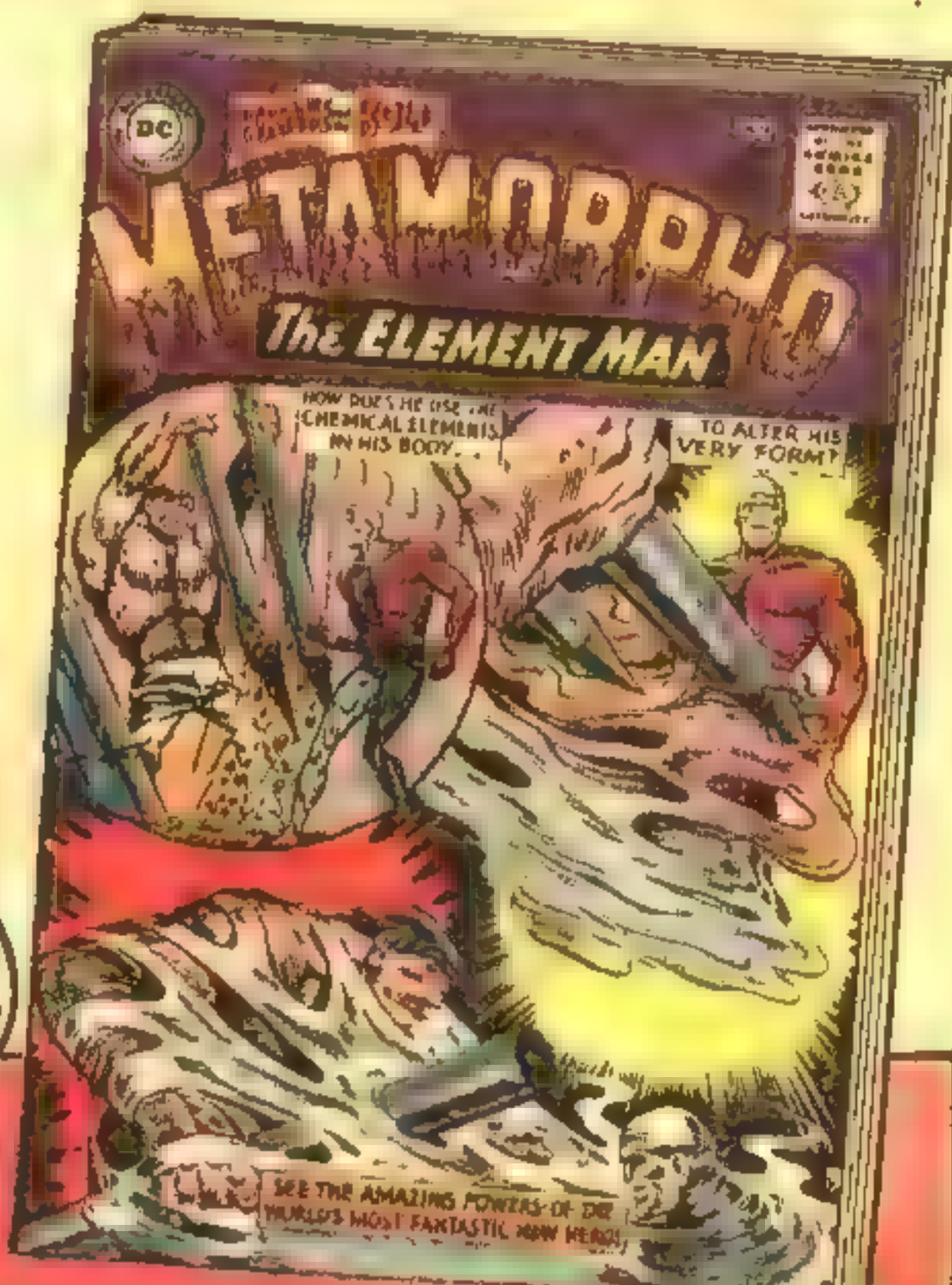
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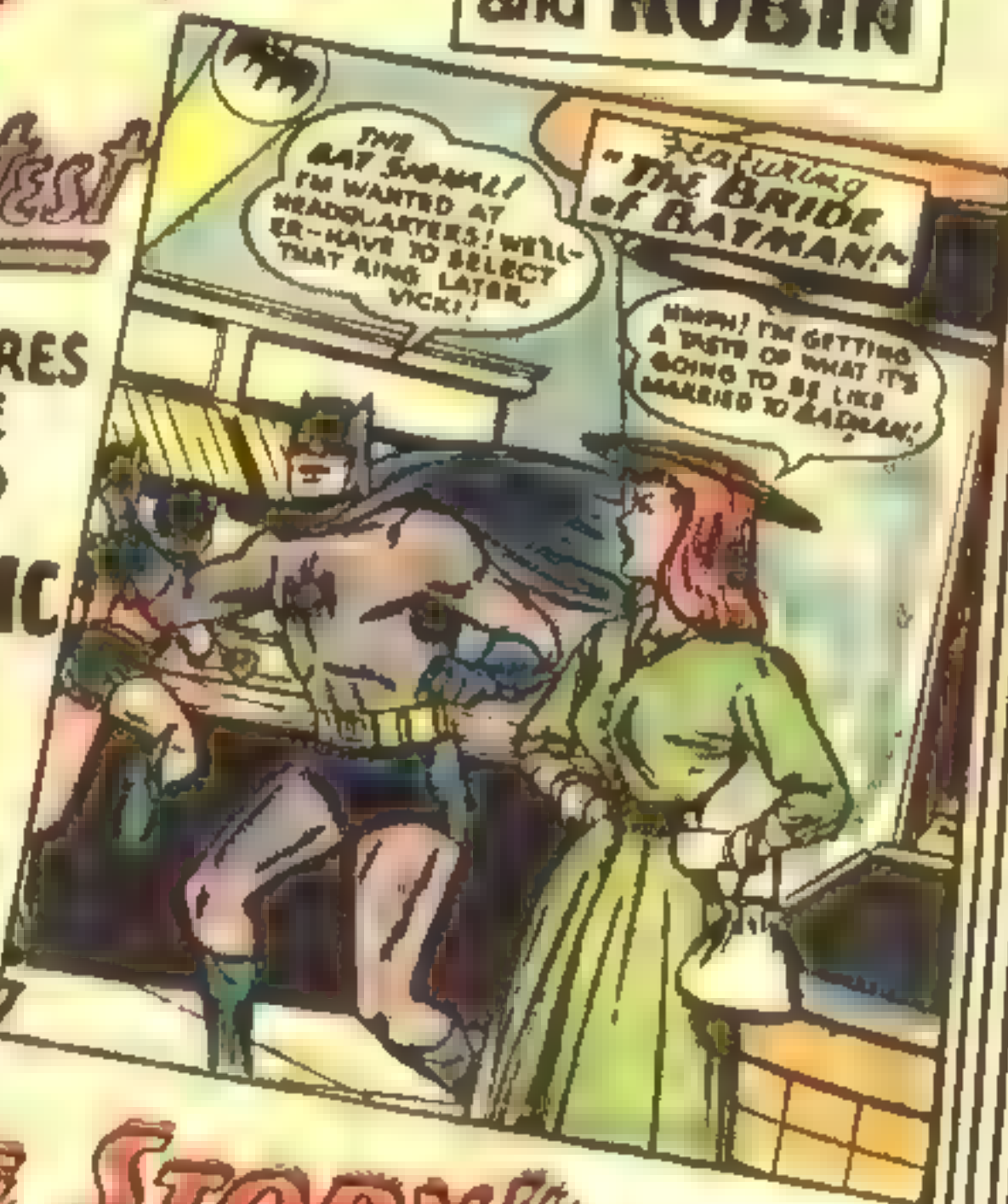
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WHO SHADOWED
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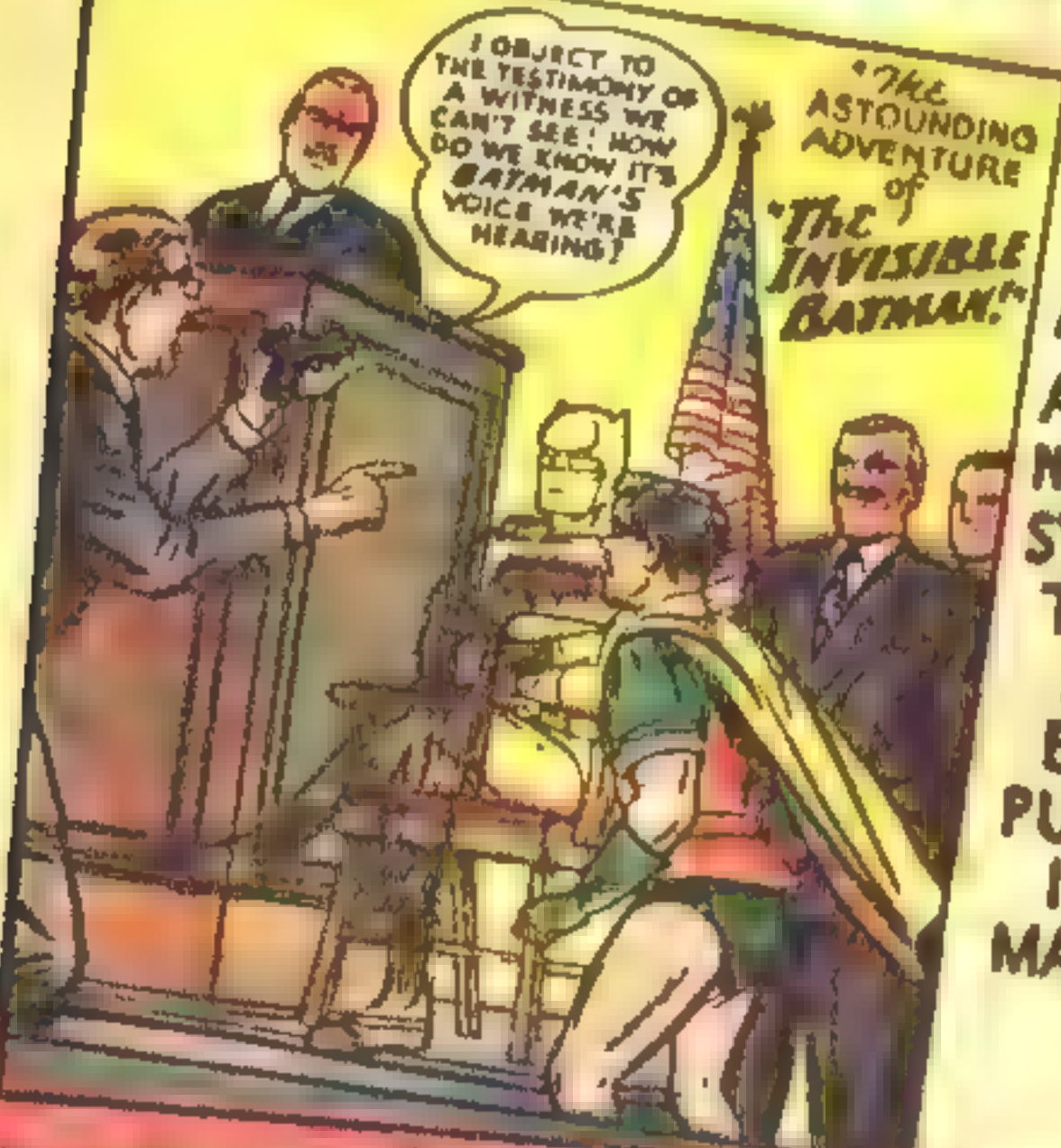


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ON SALE OCT. 29th

Metropolis Mailbag

Dear Editor: "The Juvenile Delinquents from Alpha Centauri" was terrific, except for one thing. Alpha Centauri, being the closest *star* to Earth, is a ball of fire. So how could Zigi and Zagi live on a ball of flame? —John Peters, Carmel, Calif.

(They didn't. When they said they came from Alpha Centauri, Zigi and Zagi meant they lived on one of its planets. Our Earth telescopes aren't powerful enough to pick up planets outside our solar system, so the two youngsters used the name of their sun to identify their home world.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: "The Menace of Supergirl's Mother" makes me wish you had never brought Zor-El and Allura into your stories. It adds more imagination to your stories to have them dead. So far, all these have escaped from Krypton: Superman, Supergirl, Krypto, Super-Monkey, the Phantom Zone criminals, the residents of Kandor, and the sky-capsule criminals, plus Zor-El and Allura. Just who *did* perish when Krypton exploded, besides Jor-El, Lara and Lyla Lerrol? —Ned Snively, Winter Haven, Fla.

(We'll have to admit that there are a good many survivors of Krypton—and you didn't even mention Dev-Em and his parents, whom we've featured in ADVENTURE COMICS. However, these are only a tiny handful of the many billions who lived on Superman's home world.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I enjoyed your recent story, "The Day Superman Became the Flash," very much. But you said Superman was a one-man Justice League of America. Well, I understand Green Lantern is a Justice League member, too. —Rick Dailey.
(Right—Superman was not shown becoming a

Green Lantern. And he didn't have an imaginary life as Wonder Woman, either.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I've been reading your comics for nine years and I've only had one of my letters printed. So I was wondering how many letters you receive monthly. In other words, how many do you reject before you get that golden seven or eight that you print in "Metropolis Mailbag? —David Mitchell, Dallas, Texas.

(We receive about 10,000 letters each month. From these it's quite a job to select the few for our seven magazines. But here's a tip. If you send in your comments on a postal card, you increase your chances of getting into print.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Great Krypton! Are you going to let the year go by without telling your readers that July marks the second anniversary of Supergirl's meeting with Comet the Super-Horse? It was just two years ago, in ACTION No. 292, that Comet met Linda Lee Danvers at the Supergirl Dude Ranch. I hope you haven't forgotten! —Linda D. Griffin, Norfolk, Va.

(It *had* slipped our minds. But leave it to another Linda to bring it to our attention!—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I liked your August issue of ACTION. But on the cover, Zigi mentions butter. How does he know what butter is, when he doesn't know what hot dogs, mustard and sauerkraut are? You may answer with a wisecrack. —David Stabb, Columbia, Mo.

(Okay—you asked for it! Butter is a dairy product, and Alpha Centauri, like Earth, is a part of the Milky Way Galaxy!—Ed.)

SUPERMEN OF AMERICA

SUPERMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE

(Code Mars No. 3)

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SUPERMAN,

c/o ACTION COMICS

575 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

Dear Superman:

Please enroll me as a Member of the SUPERMEN of AMERICA. I enclose 10c to cover cost of mailing. It is understood that I am to receive my Membership Certificate, Button and Superman Code.

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Rocky and Bullwinkle

ARE
CHEERIOS
YOUR FAVORITE
CEREAL,
BULLWINKLE?

Cheerios.
Fiber & a whole lot more.

TO BE
SURE,
ROCK

**CHEERIOS 'N' MILK GIVE
US PEOPLE MUSCLE-MAKIN'
PROTEIN...**

...AND GO-GO-GO!

YOU MEAN EVERYONE SHOULD
GO WITH THE GOODNESS OF
CHEERIOS?

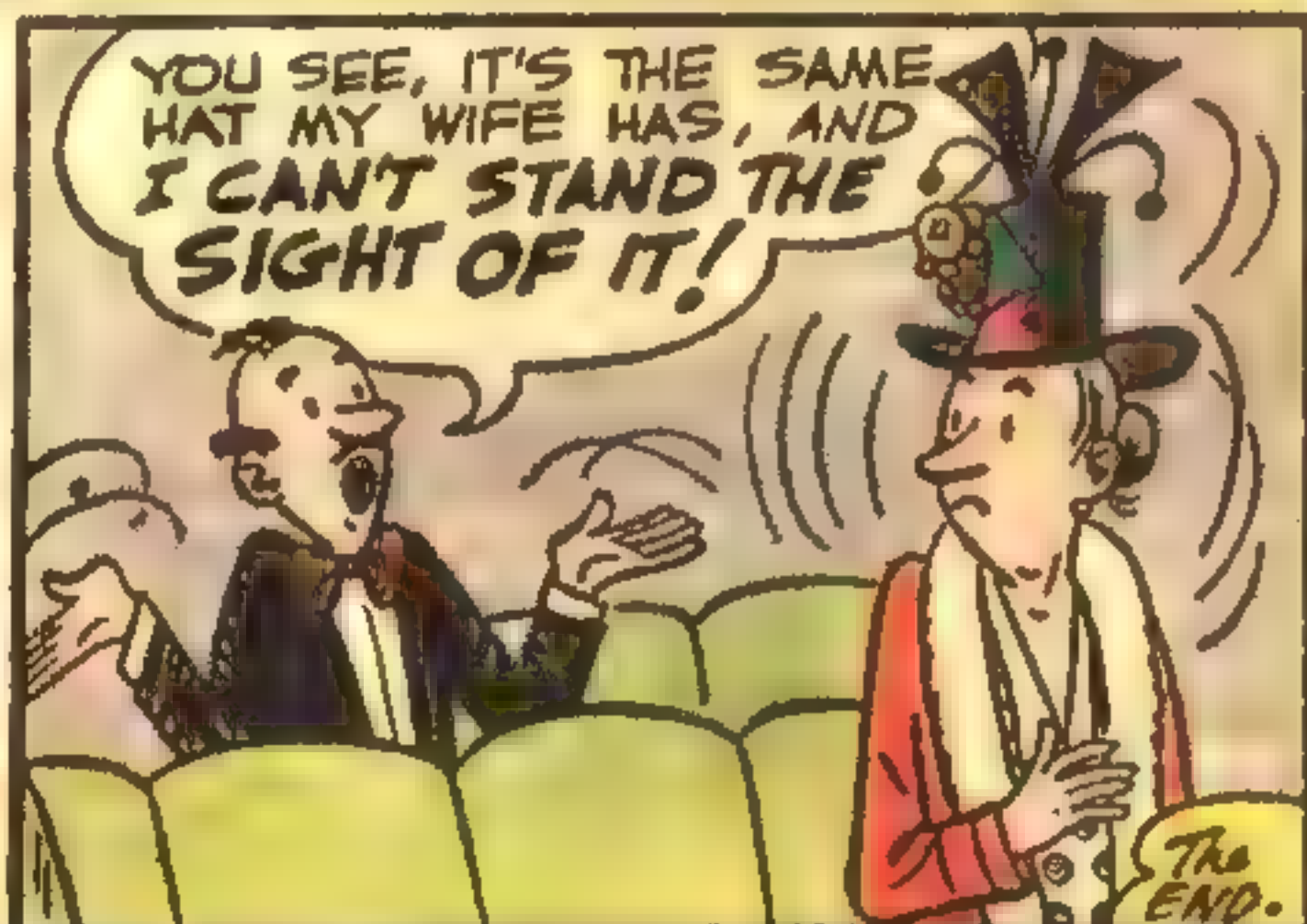
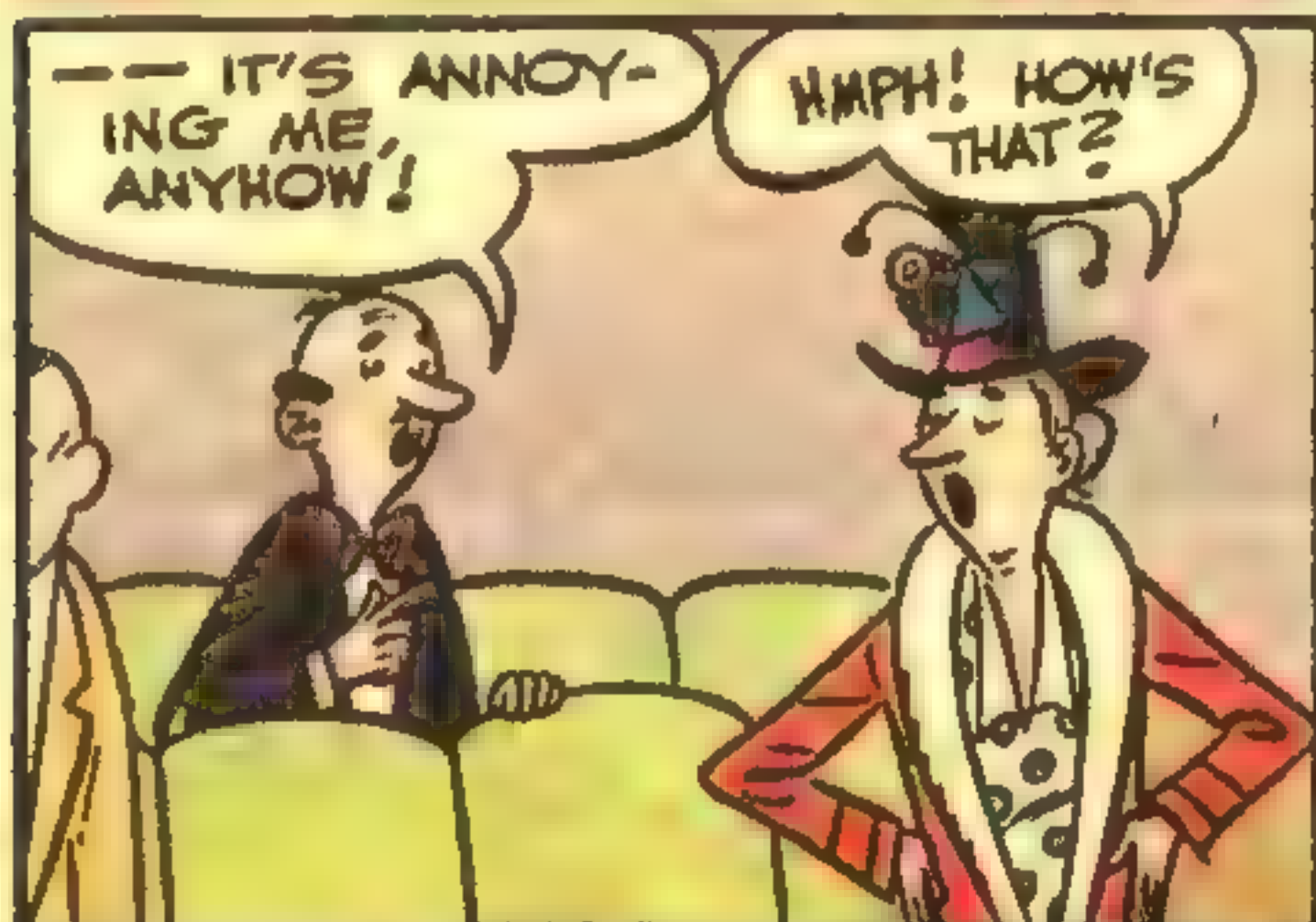
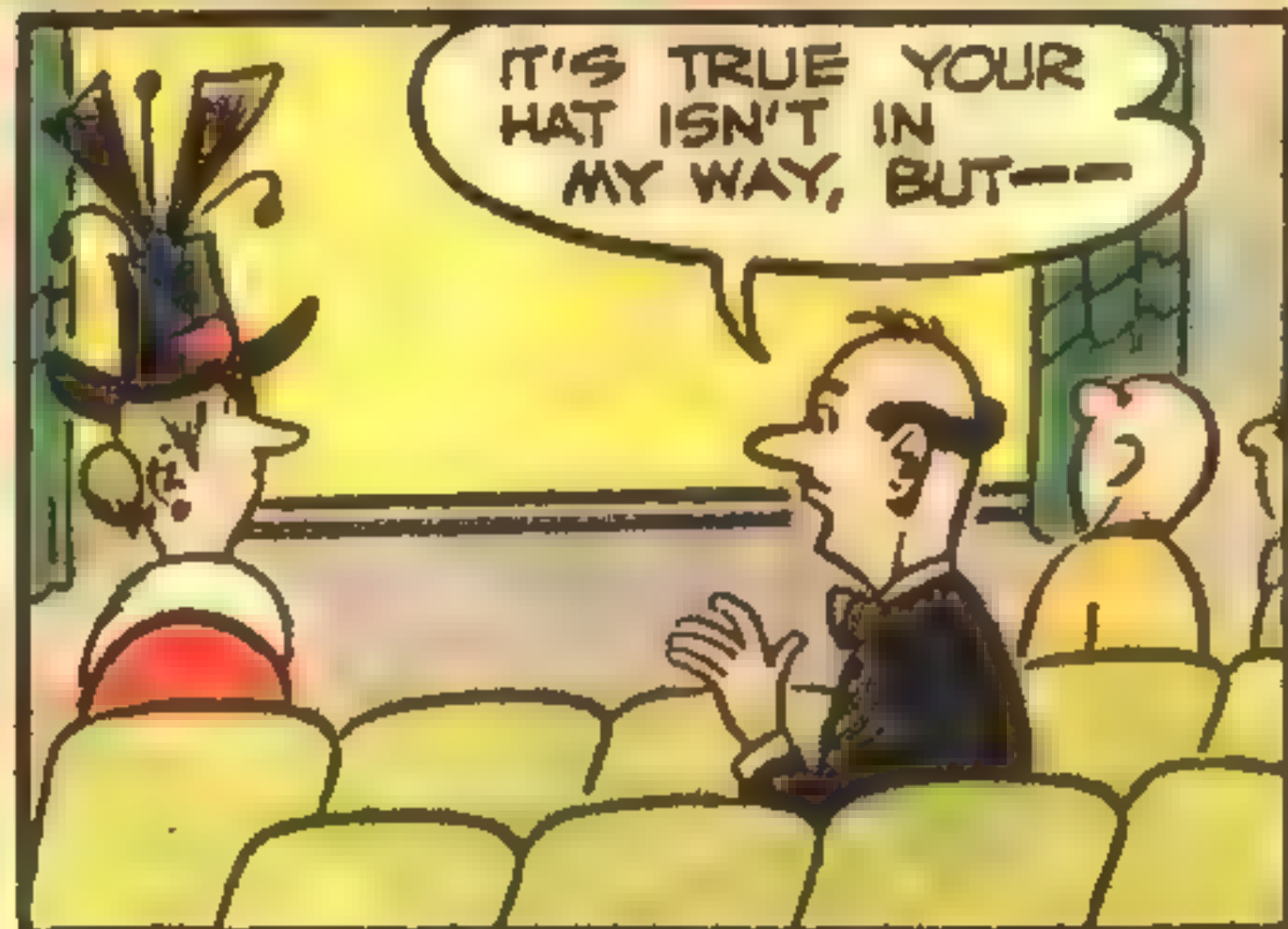
CERTAINLY!

ZOOM!

BUT THEY SHOULD
WATCH WHERE
THEY'RE
GOING!

CRASH!

Broadway HA-LIGHTS



Coming... SUPER-ATTRACTIONS!

JAN. **SUPERMAN**
ON SALE NOV. 5th

IS CLARK KENT REALLY SUPERMAN? ONE DAY HE WAKES UP TO FIND HE HAS NO SUPER-POWERS!... HE HAS NO SUPER-COSTUME!... HE HASN'T A SHRED OF PROOF THAT HE EVER WAS SUPERMAN!... AND, MORE STARTLING, HE DISCOVERS THAT ANOTHER SUPERMAN PATROLS THE SKIES OVER METROPOLIS! HAS HE ONLY BEEN IMAGINING ALL THESE YEARS, THAT HE HAD A SUPER-LIFE?

For the amazing answer, read...

"CLARK KENT'S INCREDIBLE DELUSION!"

JAN. **LOIS LANE**
ON SALE NOV. 12th

Featuring
"The MONSTER THAT LOVED LOIS LANE!"

IT'S THE STRANGEST LOVE STORY OF ALL TIME WHEN A MONSTER FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION FALLS FOR LOIS!



DEC. **Adventure**
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Challenge to the reader!

SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS WHY A SUPER-POWERFUL YOUTH TURNS DOWN A CHANCE TO JOIN THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, AND FIGHTS CRIME ALL BY HIMSELF... AS...

"The LONE WOLF LEGIONNAIRE!"

Also... A SUPERBOY "HALL OF FAME" CLASSIC...

"The MENACE of DAD KENT!"

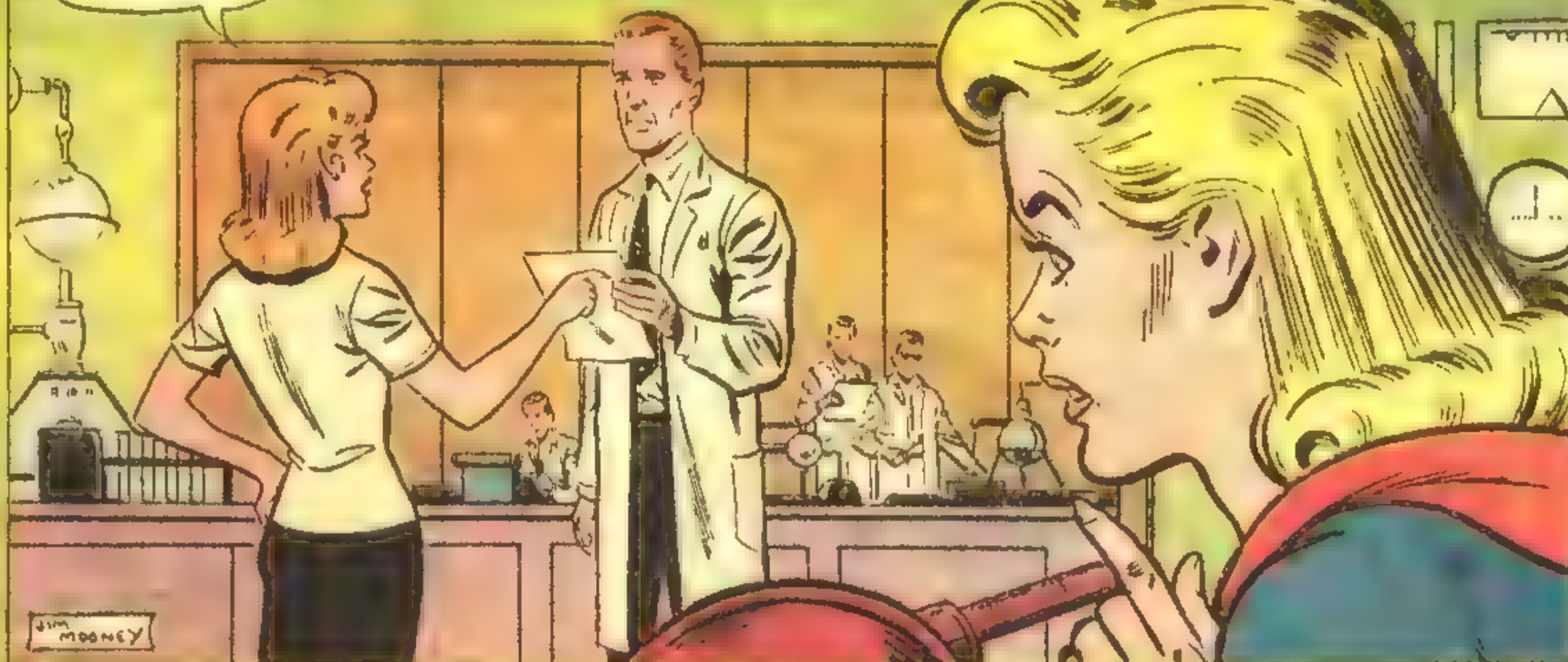


SUPERGIRL

YOU HEARD ME! THIS IS MY FATHER'S PLANT! EITHER YOU DO MY CHEMISTRY HOMEWORK OR I'LL HAVE YOU ALL FIRED!

YES, MISS STORM! I'LL PUT THE ENTIRE LAB CREW ON THOSE PROBLEMS AT ONCE!

GOOD GRIEF! DONNA STORM IS FORCING HER FATHER'S EMPLOYEES TO DO HER HOMEWORK SO SHE'LL GRAB THE TOP MARK! AND I CAN'T EXPOSE HER WITHOUT REVEALING MY SECRET IDENTITY AS HER COLLEGE CLASSMATE, LINDA LEE DANVERS!



THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, SUPERGIRL HAS INSPIRED THE YOUTH OF EVERY LAND! YES, THE MIGHTY MAID OF STEEL IS PROUD TO SYMBOLIZE CHARACTER, TRUTH AND FAIR PLAY. THEN, ONE DAY, SUPERGIRL ENCOUNTERS SOMEONE WHO HOLDS HONESTY IN CONTEMPT, AND WHO USES EVERY CROOKED TRICK IN THE BOOK TO VICTIMIZE OTHERS! WATCH THE FUR FLY WHEN SUPERGIRL MATCHES HER WITS AGAINST THE CUNNING OF—

The
SUPER-CHEAT!

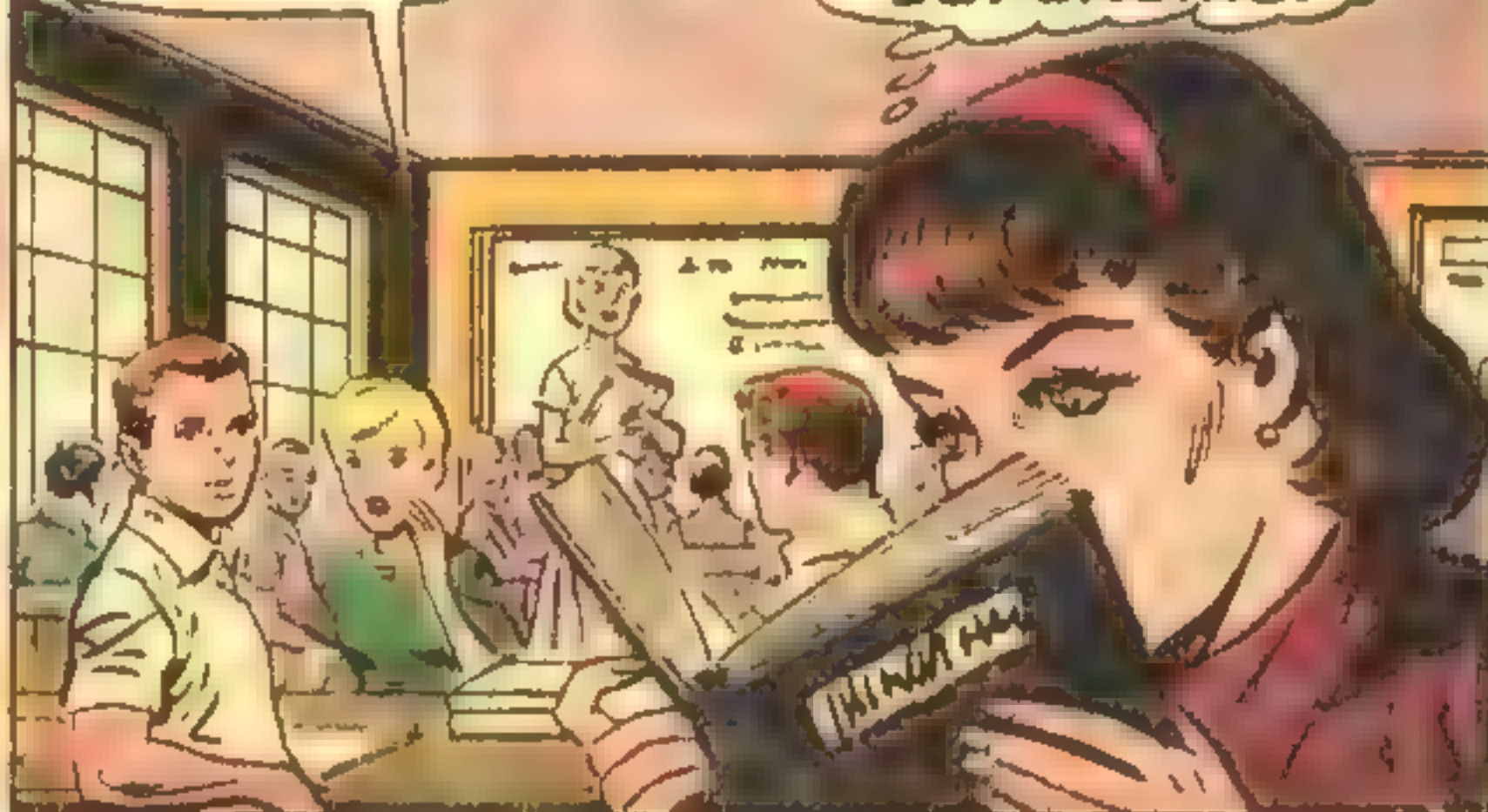
AS SUPERGIRL FINISHES A DAWN PATROL, SHE RETURNS TO STANHOPE COLLEGE, WHERE SHE IS A STUDENT IN HER SECRET IDENTITY AS LINDA LEE DANVERS.

THE WHOLE CAMPUS IS ASLEEP. NO ONE CAN SPOT ME SLIPPING INTO THIS SEALED-UP CHIMNEY WHICH I CONVERTED TO A SECRET ENTRANCE LEADING TO MY DORMITORY.

LATER, SUPERGIRL ATTENDS CLASSES IN HER EVERYDAY IDENTITY...

THAT'S THE NEW STUDENT FROM MIDVALE. THEY SAY SHE'S A FRIEND OF SUPERGIRL.

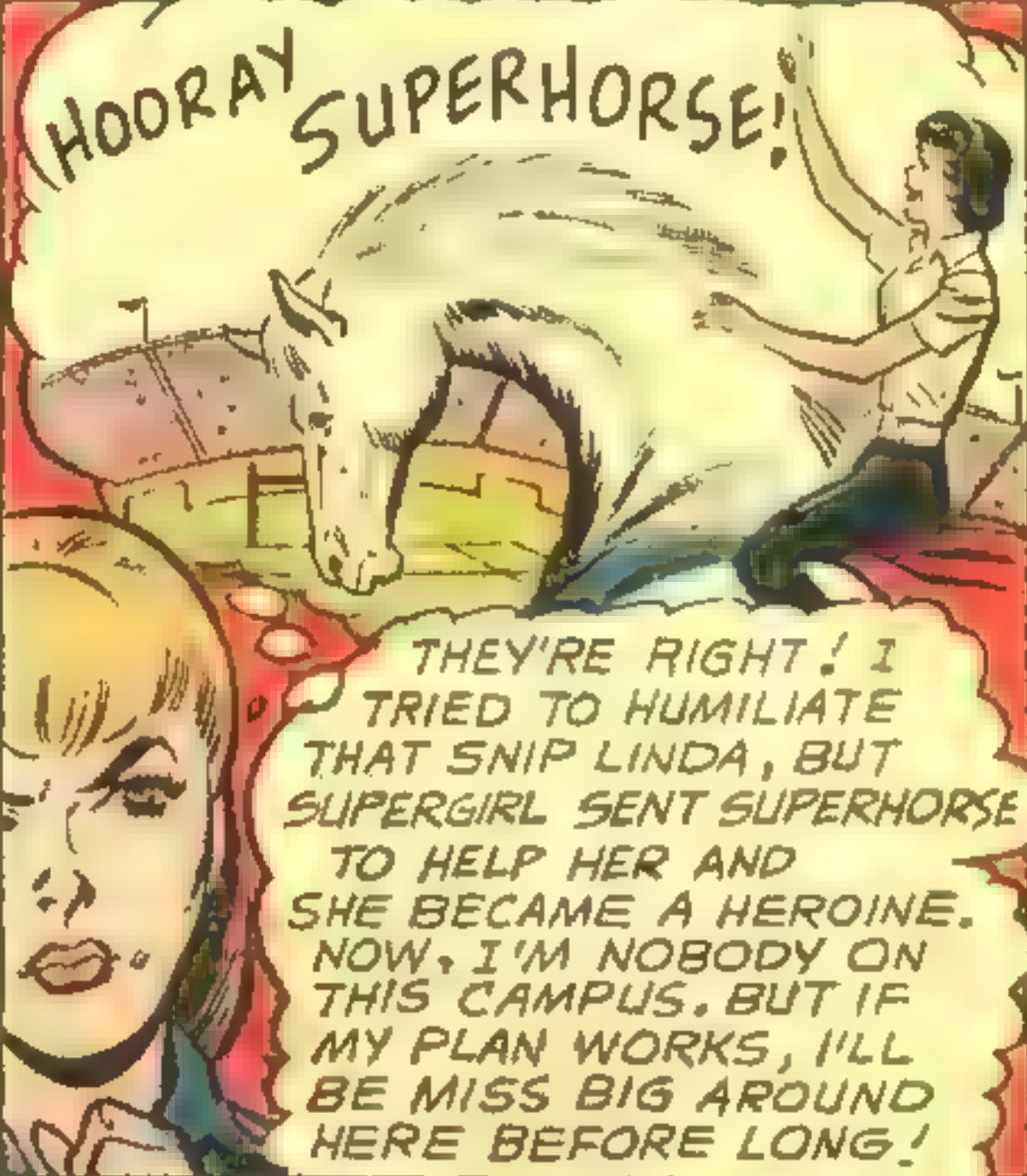
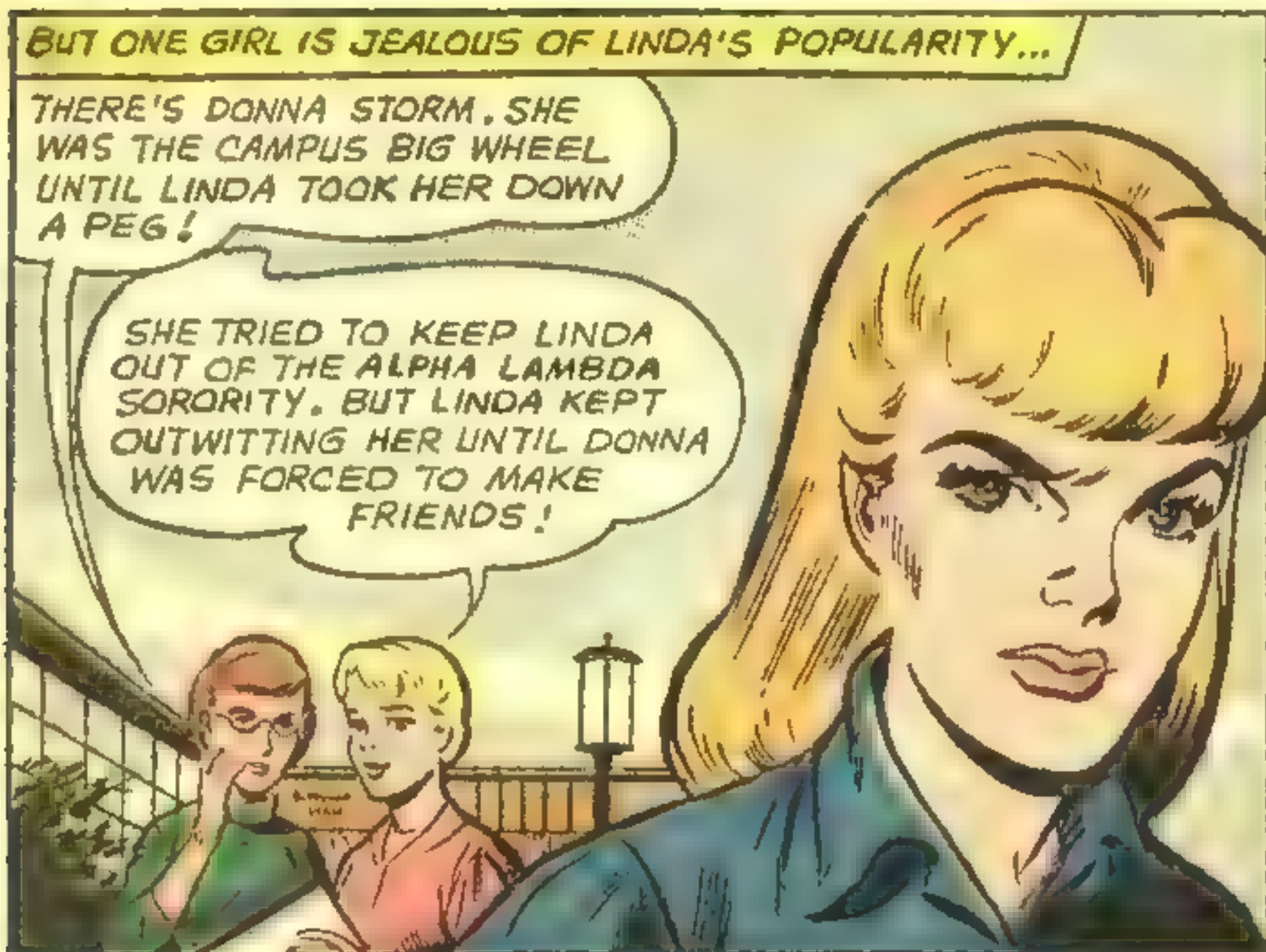
HA, HA! THEY'D FLIP IF THEY KNEW I ACTUALLY WAS SUPERGIRL.



BUT ONE GIRL IS JEALOUS OF LINDA'S POPULARITY...

THERE'S DONNA STORM, SHE WAS THE CAMPUS BIG WHEEL UNTIL LINDA TOOK HER DOWN A PEG!

SHE TRIED TO KEEP LINDA OUT OF THE ALPHA LAMBDA SORORITY, BUT LINDA KEPT OUTWITTING HER UNTIL DONNA WAS FORCED TO MAKE FRIENDS!



HOORAY SUPERHORSE!

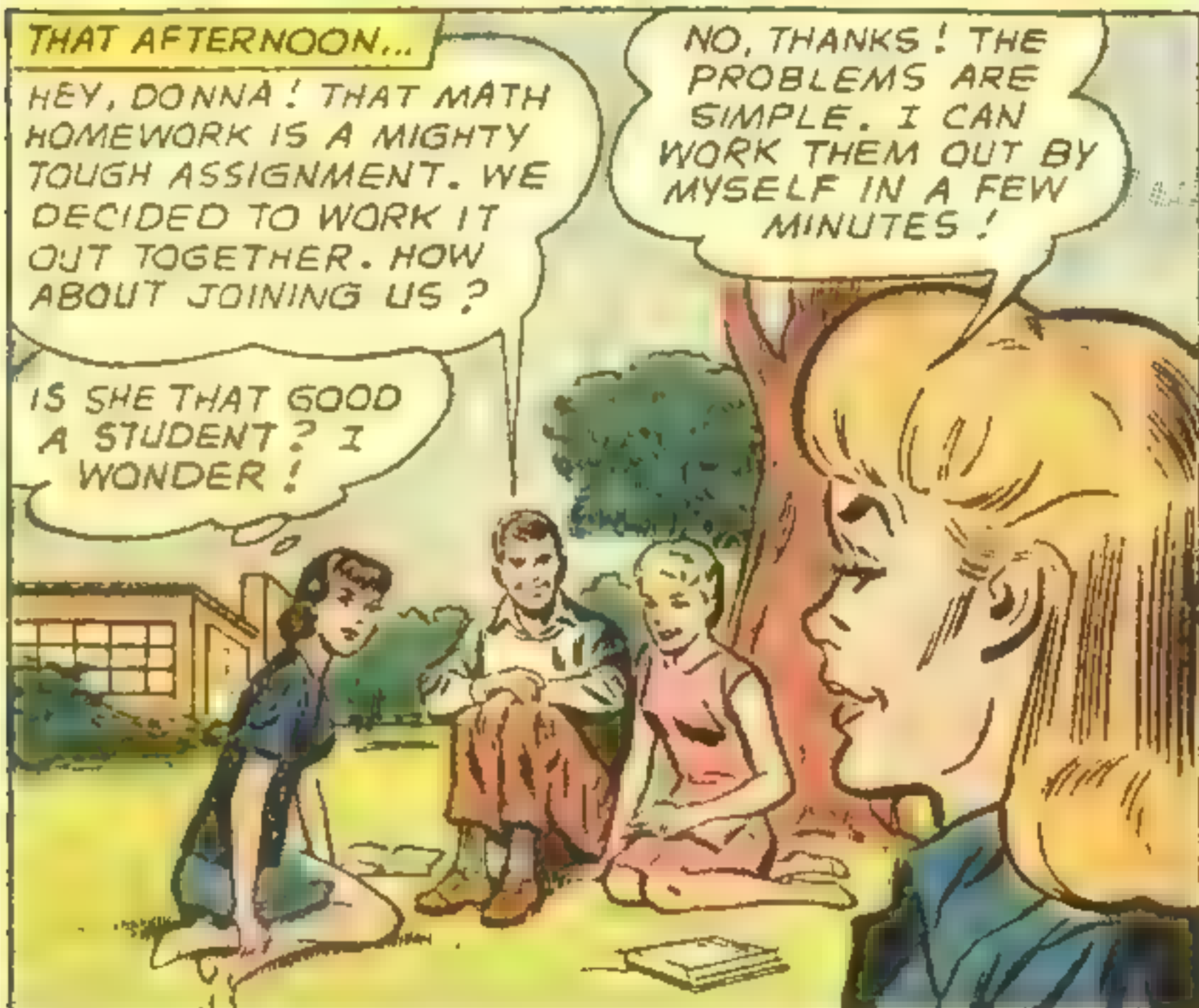
THEY'RE RIGHT! I TRIED TO HUMILIATE THAT SNIP LINDA, BUT SUPERGIRL SENT SUPERHORSE TO HELP HER AND SHE BECAME A HEROINE. NOW, I'M NOBODY ON THIS CAMPUS, BUT IF MY PLAN WORKS, I'LL BE MISS BIG AROUND HERE BEFORE LONG!

THAT AFTERNOON...

HEY, DONNA! THAT MATH HOMEWORK IS A MIGHTY TOUGH ASSIGNMENT. WE DECIDED TO WORK IT OUT TOGETHER. HOW ABOUT JOINING US?

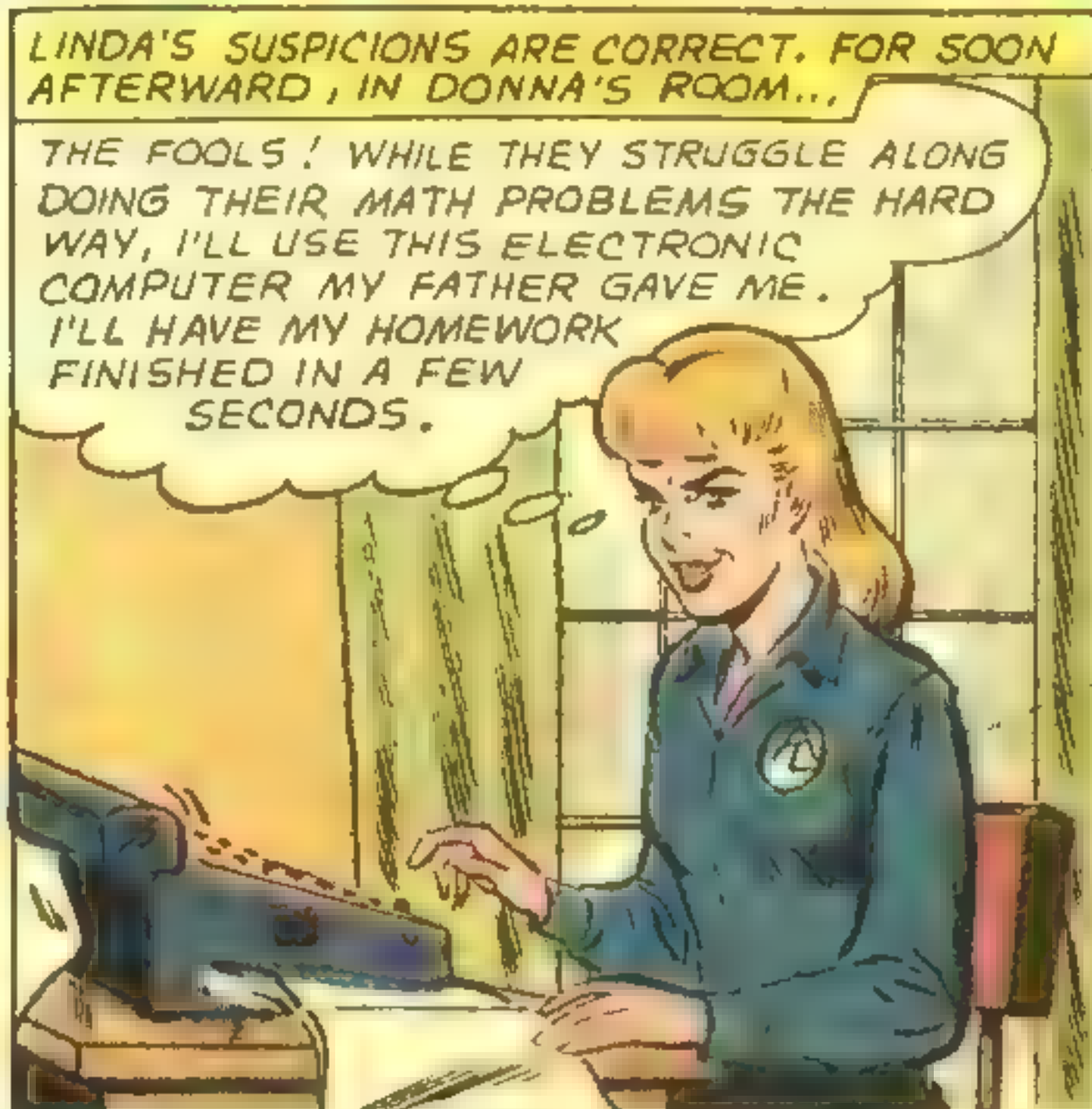
IS SHE THAT GOOD A STUDENT? I WONDER!

NO, THANKS! THE PROBLEMS ARE SIMPLE. I CAN WORK THEM OUT BY MYSELF IN A FEW MINUTES!



LINDA'S SUSPICIONS ARE CORRECT. FOR SOON AFTERWARD, IN DONNA'S ROOM...

THE FOOLS! WHILE THEY STRUGGLE ALONG DOING THEIR MATH PROBLEMS THE HARD WAY, I'LL USE THIS ELECTRONIC COMPUTER MY FATHER GAVE ME. I'LL HAVE MY HOMEWORK FINISHED IN A FEW SECONDS.



BUT LINDA IS WATCHING WITH HER X-RAY VISION...

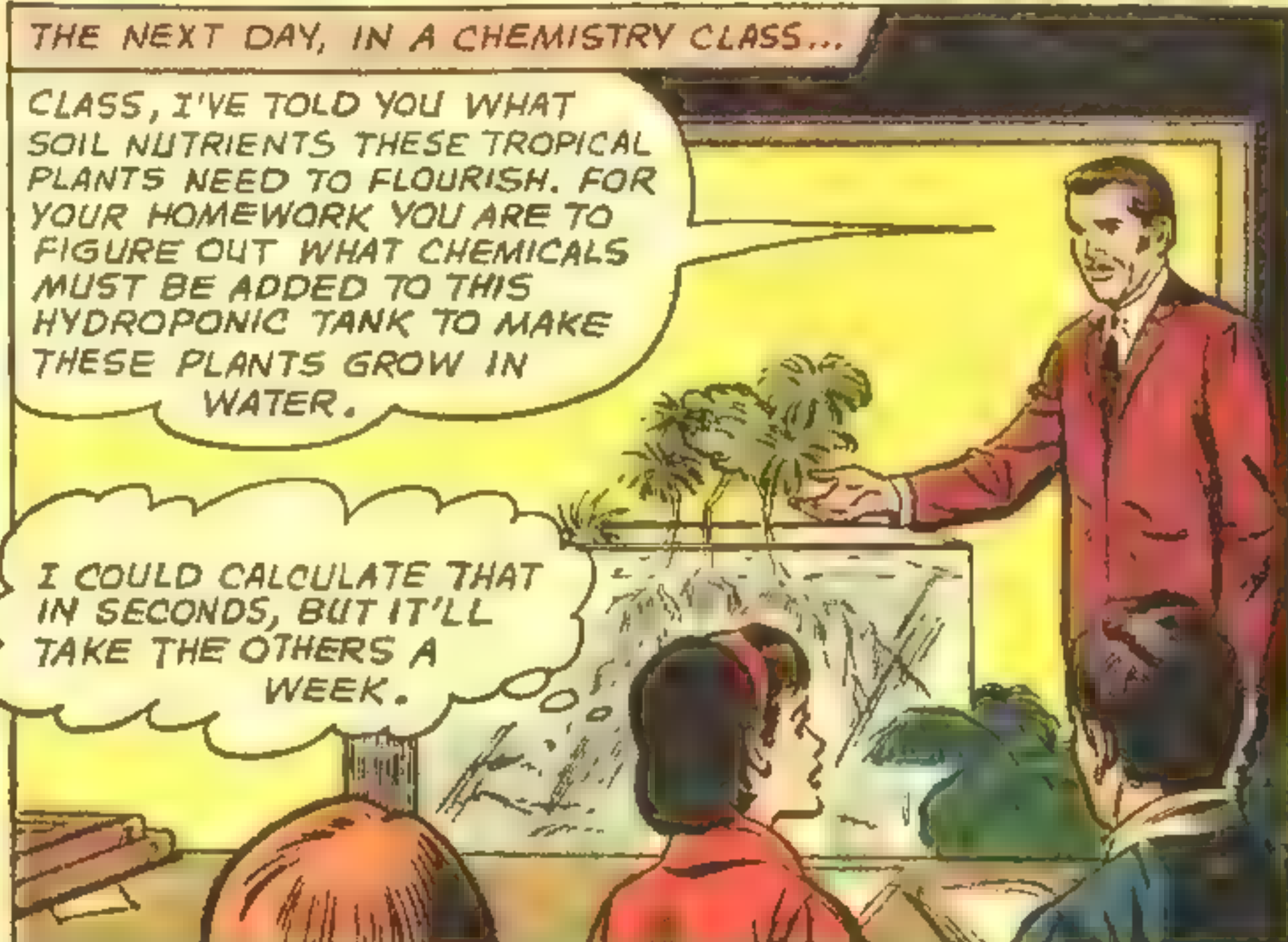
SHE'S USING AN ELECTRONIC COMPUTER WHILE ALL THE OTHER STUDENTS ARE USING PAPER AND PENCIL, THAT'S NOT FAIR. I'D SPEAK TO HER ABOUT IT, BUT I'D EXPOSE MY SECRET IDENTITY IF I DID!



THE NEXT DAY, IN A CHEMISTRY CLASS...

CLASS, I'VE TOLD YOU WHAT SOIL NUTRIENTS THESE TROPICAL PLANTS NEED TO FLOURISH. FOR YOUR HOMEWORK YOU ARE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CHEMICALS MUST BE ADDED TO THIS HYDROPONIC TANK TO MAKE THESE PLANTS GROW IN WATER.

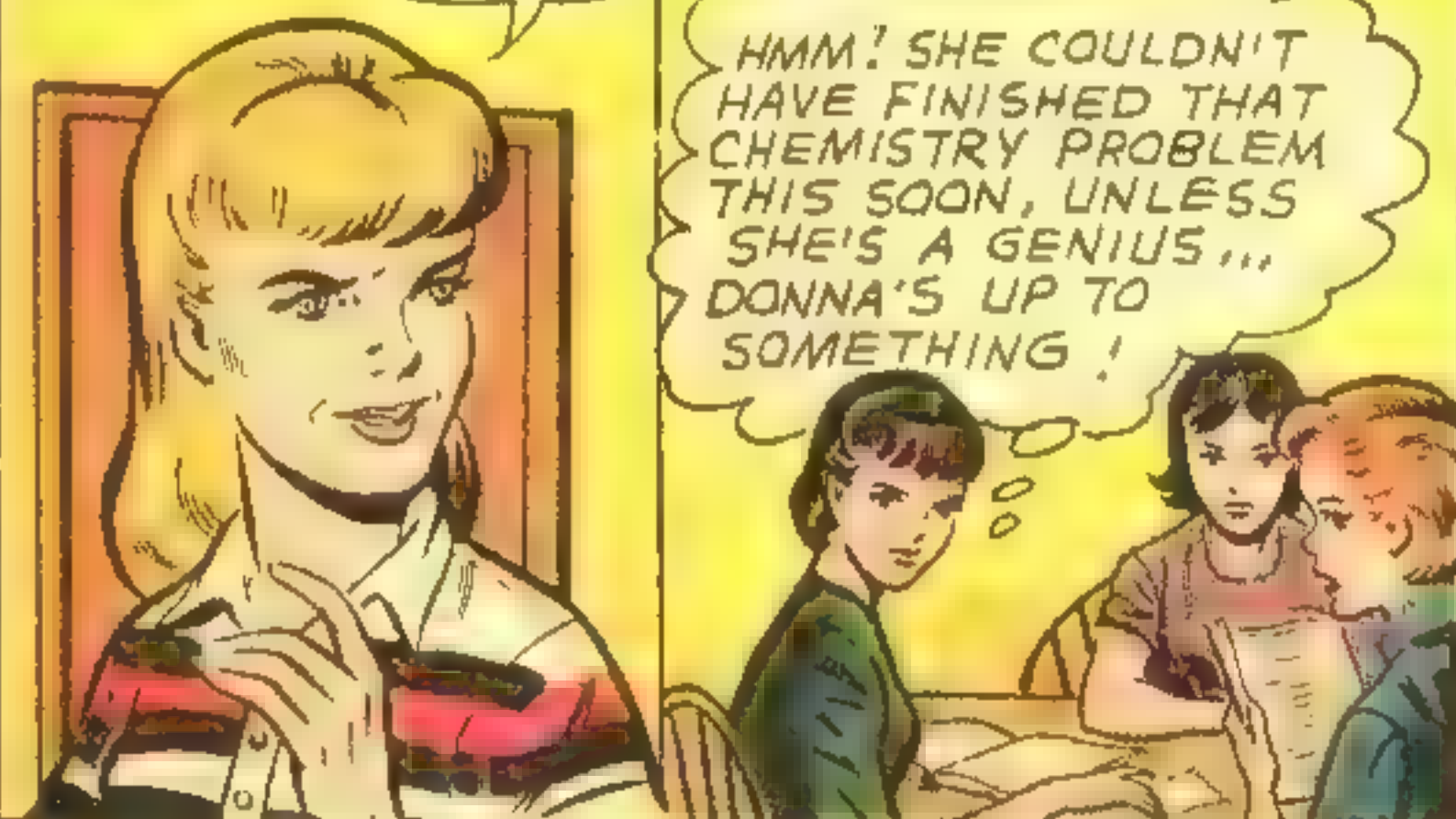
I COULD CALCULATE THAT IN SECONDS, BUT IT'LL TAKE THE OTHERS A WEEK.



BUT LATER, AT THE ALPHA LAMBDA SORORITY...

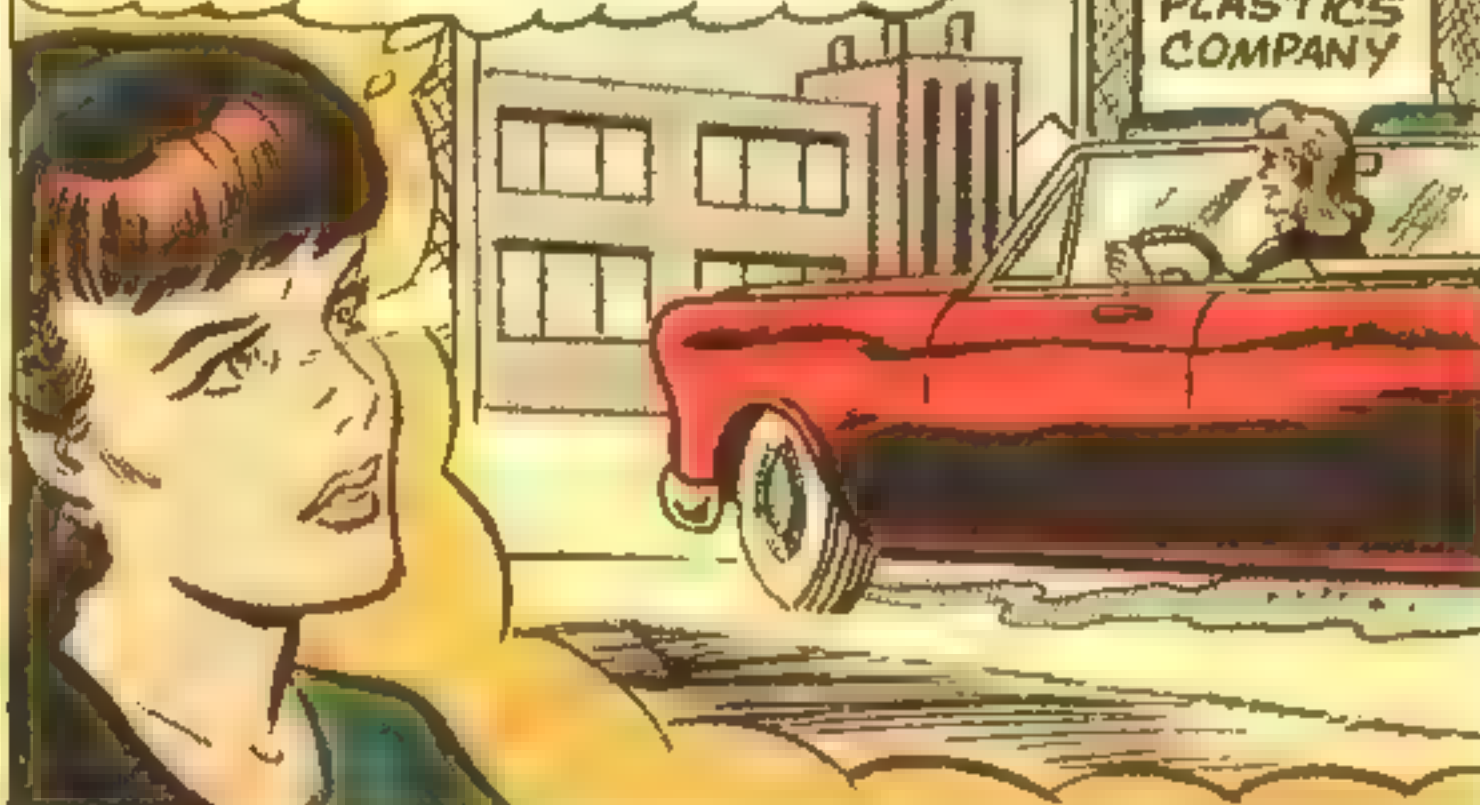
STILL PLUGGING ALONG ON THAT CHEMISTRY HOMEWORK, EH, GIRLS? IT WAS A SNAP FOR ME. SO LONG! I'M GOING FOR A DRIVE!

HMM! SHE COULDN'T HAVE FINISHED THAT CHEMISTRY PROBLEM THIS SOON, UNLESS SHE'S A GENIUS... DONNA'S UP TO SOMETHING!



SUSPICIOUS, LINDA KEEPS TABS WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION...

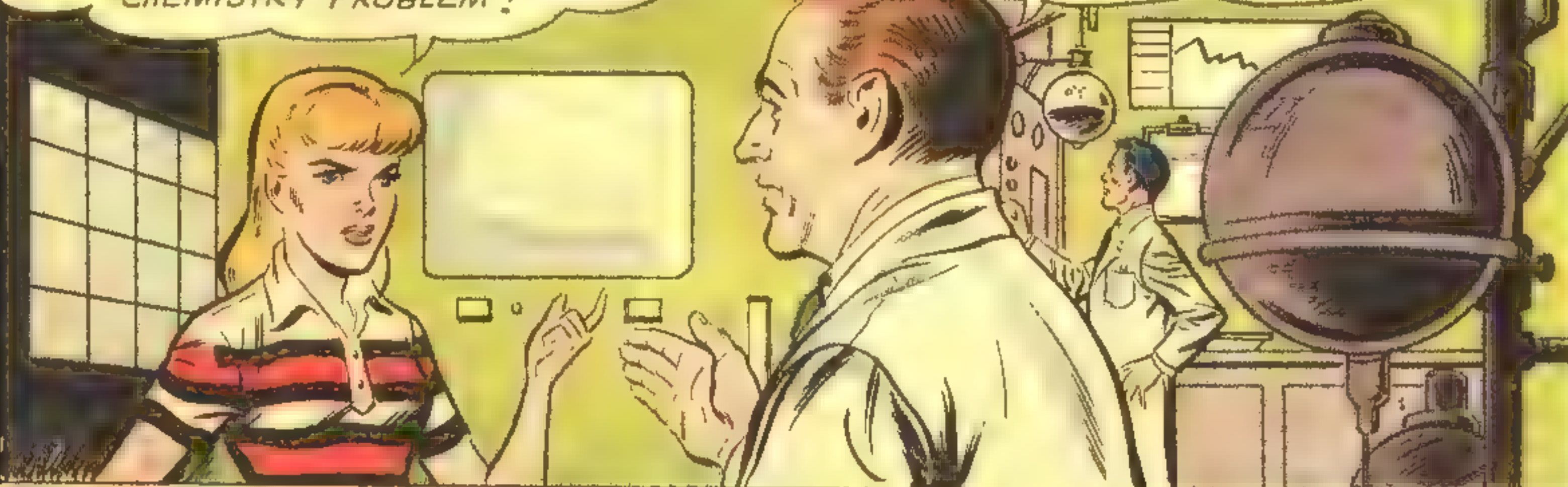
ODD. DONNA DROVE STRAIGHT TO THAT PLASTICS PLANT. HER SECOND NAME IS STORM, SO THAT FACTORY PROBABLY BELONGS TO HER FAMILY. WONDER WHAT SHE WANTS THERE?



MOMENTS LATER, AT THE PLANT...

YOU HEARD ME, DR. LEWIS! MY FATHER WANTS YOU TO HELP ME SOLVE THIS CHEMISTRY PROBLEM!

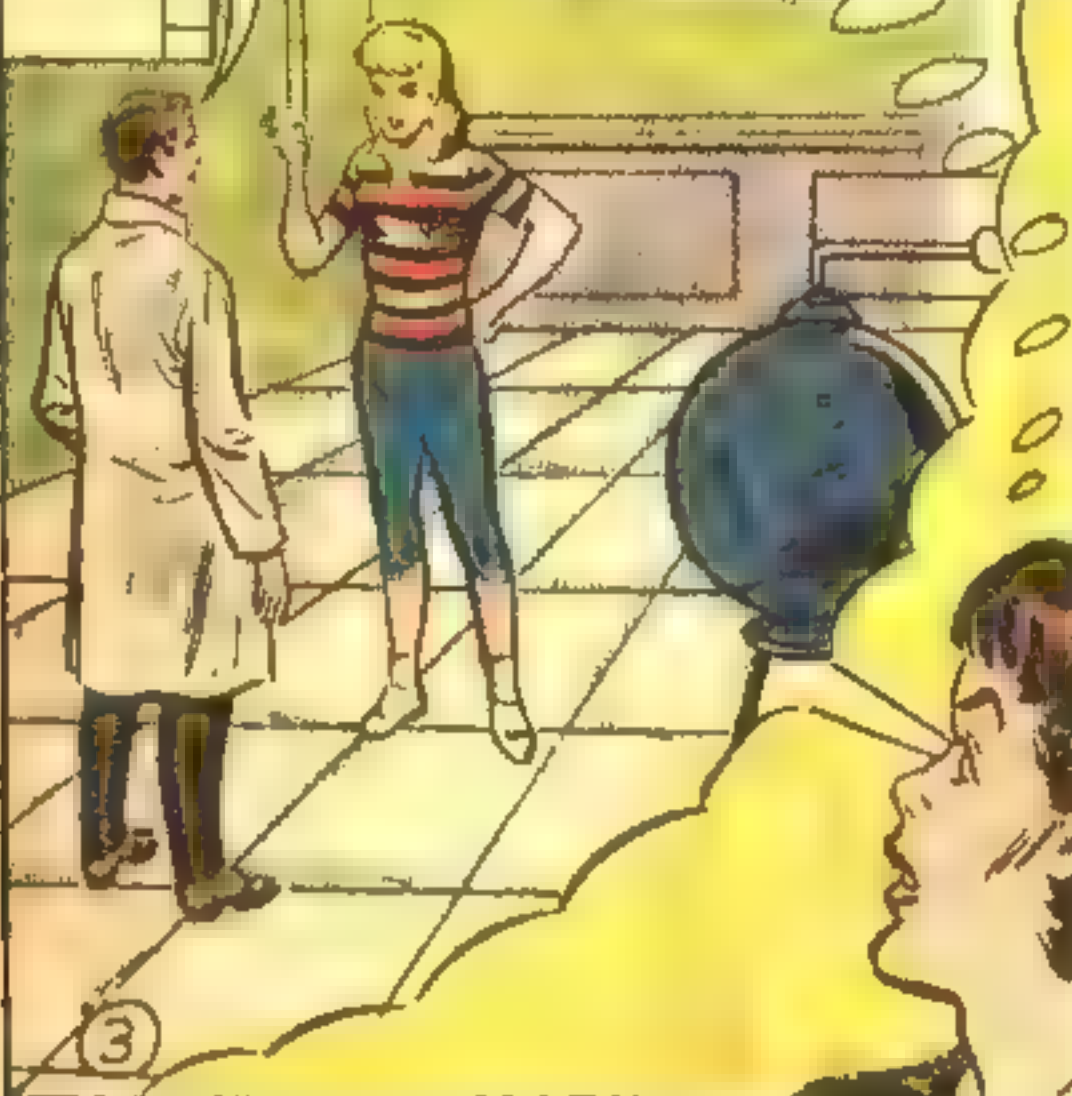
BUT, MISS STORM, IT WOULD TAKE OUR WHOLE DEPARTMENT ALL DAY TO DO THAT JOB!



NO MORE EXCUSES. EITHER YOUR MEN FIND THE ANSWER TO THAT PROBLEM IN AN HOUR OR I'LL HAVE YOU ALL FIRED, UNDERSTAND?

YES, MISS STORM!

THE NERVE OF HER! SHE'S FORCING HER FATHER'S EMPLOYEES TO DO HER HOMEWORK FOR HER!



A FEW DAYS LATER, IN THE CHEMISTRY CLASS...

YOU ALL TURNED IN GOOD PAPERS... BUT MISS STORM'S WORK WAS THE BEST BY FAR!

I TOPPED THEM ALL. HA, HA!

SHE SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF HERSELF, THE PHONEY. BUT SHE'LL BE FOUND OUT SOME DAY!



BUT THE FACULTY SUSPECTS DONNA OF CHEATING...

THIS IS VERY STRANGE. DONNA'S PAPER MENTIONS EXPERIMENTAL CHEMICALS STILL UNKNOWN TO THE PUBLIC. HOW COULD SHE HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THEM UNLESS PROFESSIONAL CHEMISTS HELPED HER SOLVE THE PROBLEM? SHE SHOULD BE EXPELLED!

I WISH WE COULD, PROFESSOR! BUT HER FATHER DONATED \$100,000 TO STANHOPE LAST YEAR. WE DON'T DARE OFFEND HIM!



THAT EVENING, AS LINDA PASSES DONNA'S DORMITORY ROOM...

AMONG THE MYTHICAL SORCERERS OF ANCIENT TIMES WERE CIRCE, MEDUSA AND...

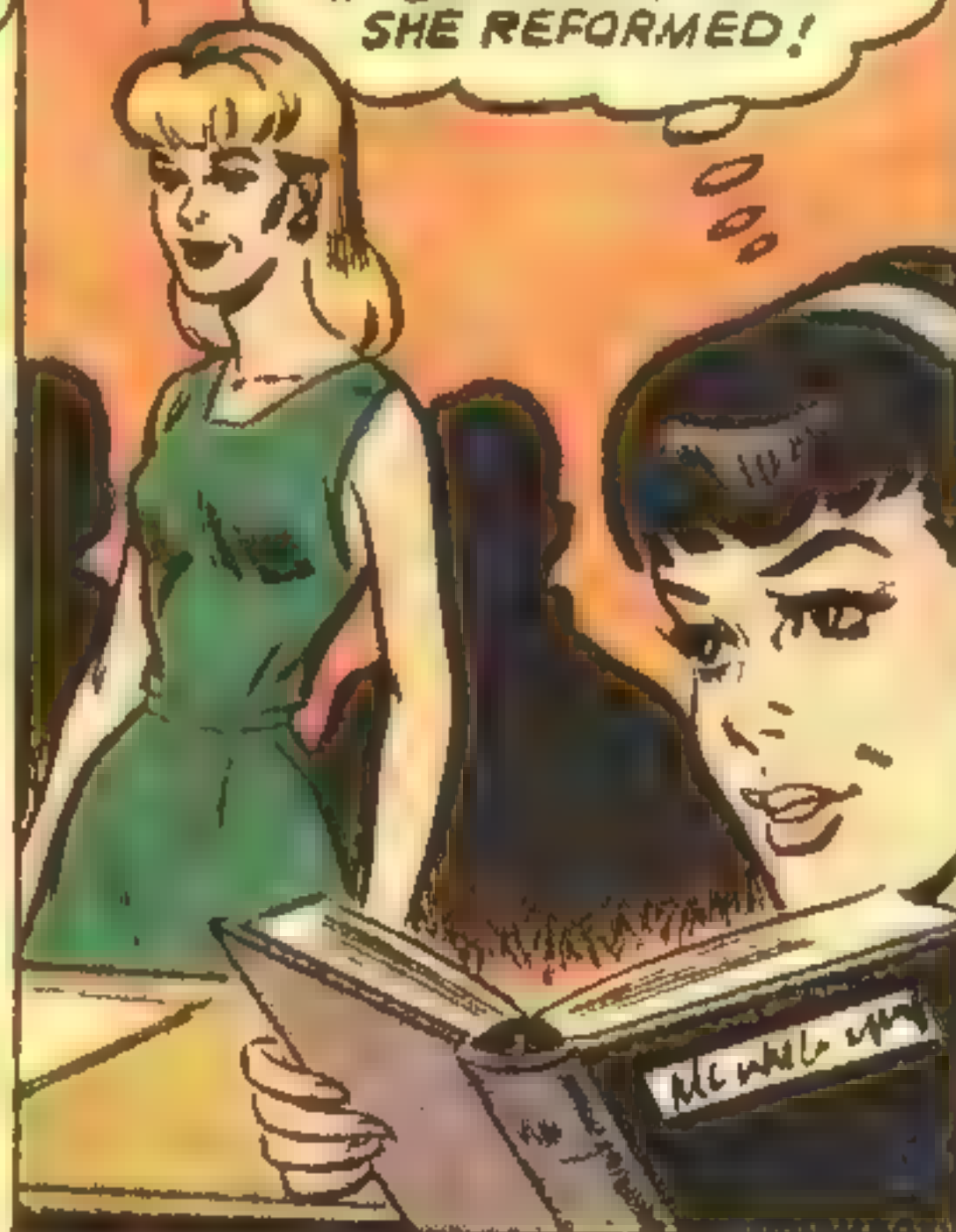
HMM! IT LOOKS LIKE DONNA'S TRYING TO MEND HER WAYS. SHE'S ACTUALLY STUDYING HER MYTHOLOGY ASSIGNMENT.



THE NEXT DAY IN CLASS, AS DONNA RECITES...

IN MEDIEVAL DAYS, MERLIN WAS THE CHIEF MAGICIAN IN KING ARTHUR'S COURT...

DONNA DID HER ASSIGNMENT PERFECTLY! BY STUDYING HARD, SHE LEARNED THE FACTS. I'M CERTAINLY GLAD SHE REFORMED!



BUT AN INSTANT LATER...

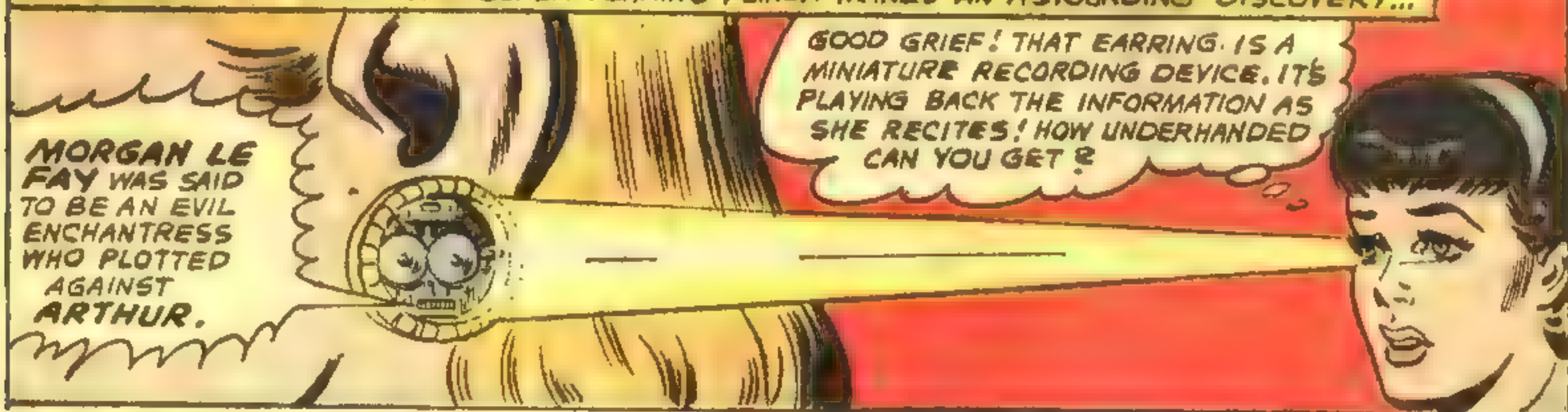
DONNA SEEMS NERVOUS. SHE KEEPS FUMBLING WITH HER EARRINGS. WAIT! MY SUPER-HEARING DETECTS A FAINT SOUND.



USING HER X-RAY VISION AND SUPER-HEARING, LINDA MAKES AN ASTOUNDING DISCOVERY...

MORGAN LE FAY WAS SAID TO BE AN EVIL ENCHANTRESS WHO PLOTTED AGAINST ARTHUR.

GOOD GRIEF! THAT EARRING IS A MINIATURE RECORDING DEVICE. IT'S PLAYING BACK THE INFORMATION AS SHE RECITES! HOW UNDERHANDED CAN YOU GET?

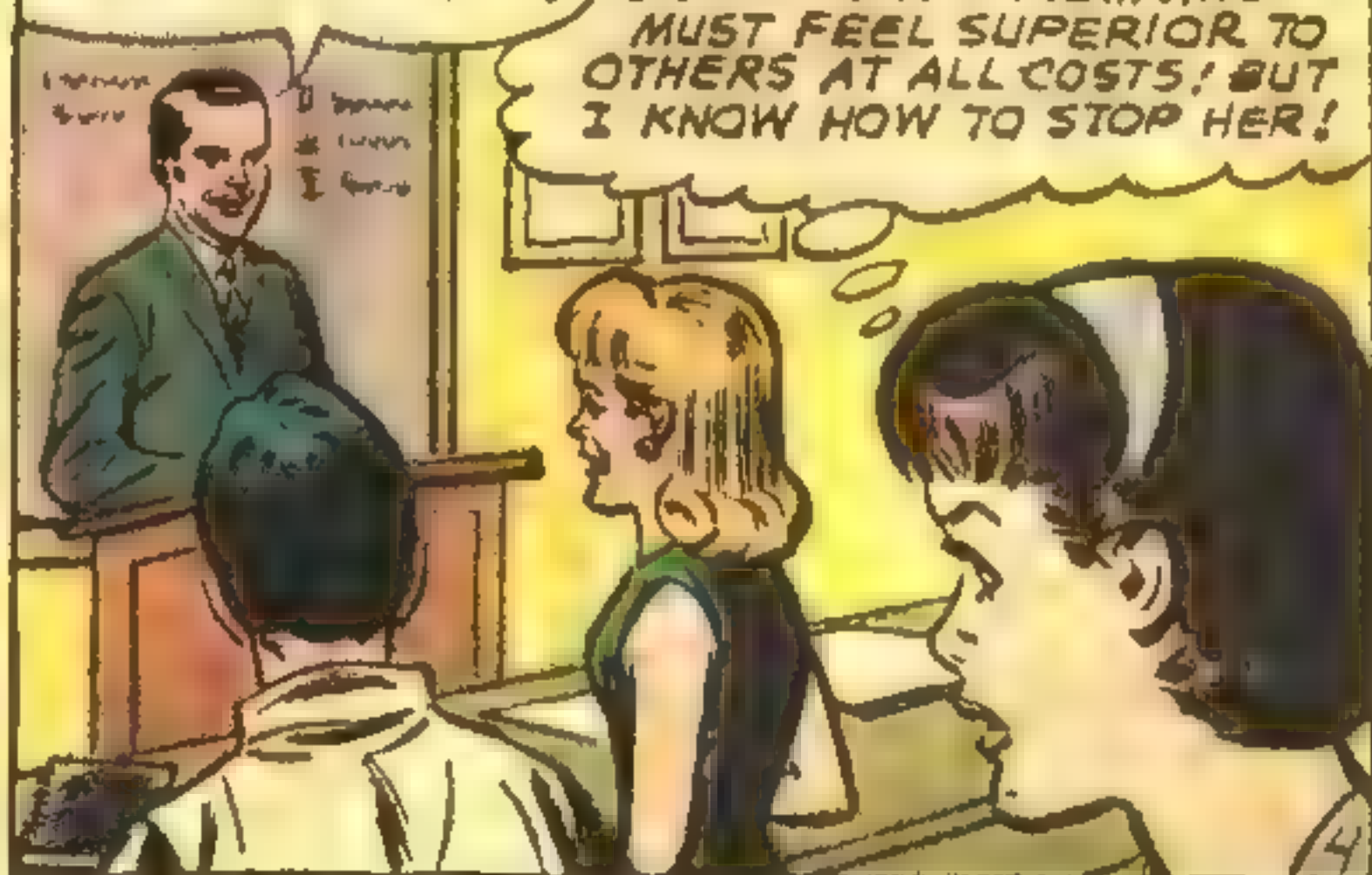


"WHEN I THOUGHT I SAW HER STUDYING YESTERDAY, SHE WAS ACTUALLY DICTATING PARTS OF HER TEXTBOOK ON THAT ELECTRONIC DEVICE SO THAT THEY COULD BE RECORDED ON TAPE."



A SUPERB RECITATION, MISS STORM! I WISH MY OTHER STUDENTS WERE AS WELL PREPARED AS YOU.

SHE LOVES THOSE COMPLIMENTS... YES, NOW I SEE THE REASON FOR HER SNEAKY TRICKS! DONNA IS A SNOB... WHO MUST FEEL SUPERIOR TO OTHERS AT ALL COSTS! BUT I KNOW HOW TO STOP HER!



NEXT DAY, ON A GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP...

REMEMBER! THE ROCK SPECIMENS WE FIND GO TO THE COLLEGE MINERAL COLLECTION. THE STUDENT WHO FINDS THE MOST VALUABLE MINERAL GETS THE HIGHEST MARK!

I'M PREPARED FOR THIS! I BROUGHT A PIECE OF GOLD ORE WITH ME!



SUDDENLY...

LOOK, EVERYBODY! I FOUND A PIECE OF GOLD ORE! YOU CAN'T BEAT THAT FOR A VALUABLE MINERAL!

THE FAKER MUST HAVE PLANTED IT! MY MICRO-SCOPIC VISION REVEALS THAT ORE COMES FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. BUT I CAN'T EXPOSE HER WITHOUT REVEALING MY SECRET IDENTITY. SO...



TAKING COVER, SHE SWITCHES TO SUPERGIRL AND PLUNGES INTO THE EARTH!

DONNA WILL GET THE BEST MARK... UNLESS SOMEONE TOPS HER! MY X-RAY VISION HAS SPOTTED A SEAM OF COAL FAR BELOW! IT'S JUST WHAT I NEED FOR MY PLAN.



NOW TO SUPER-COMPRESS A CHUNK OF COAL INTO A HANDFUL OF SMALL DIAMONDS



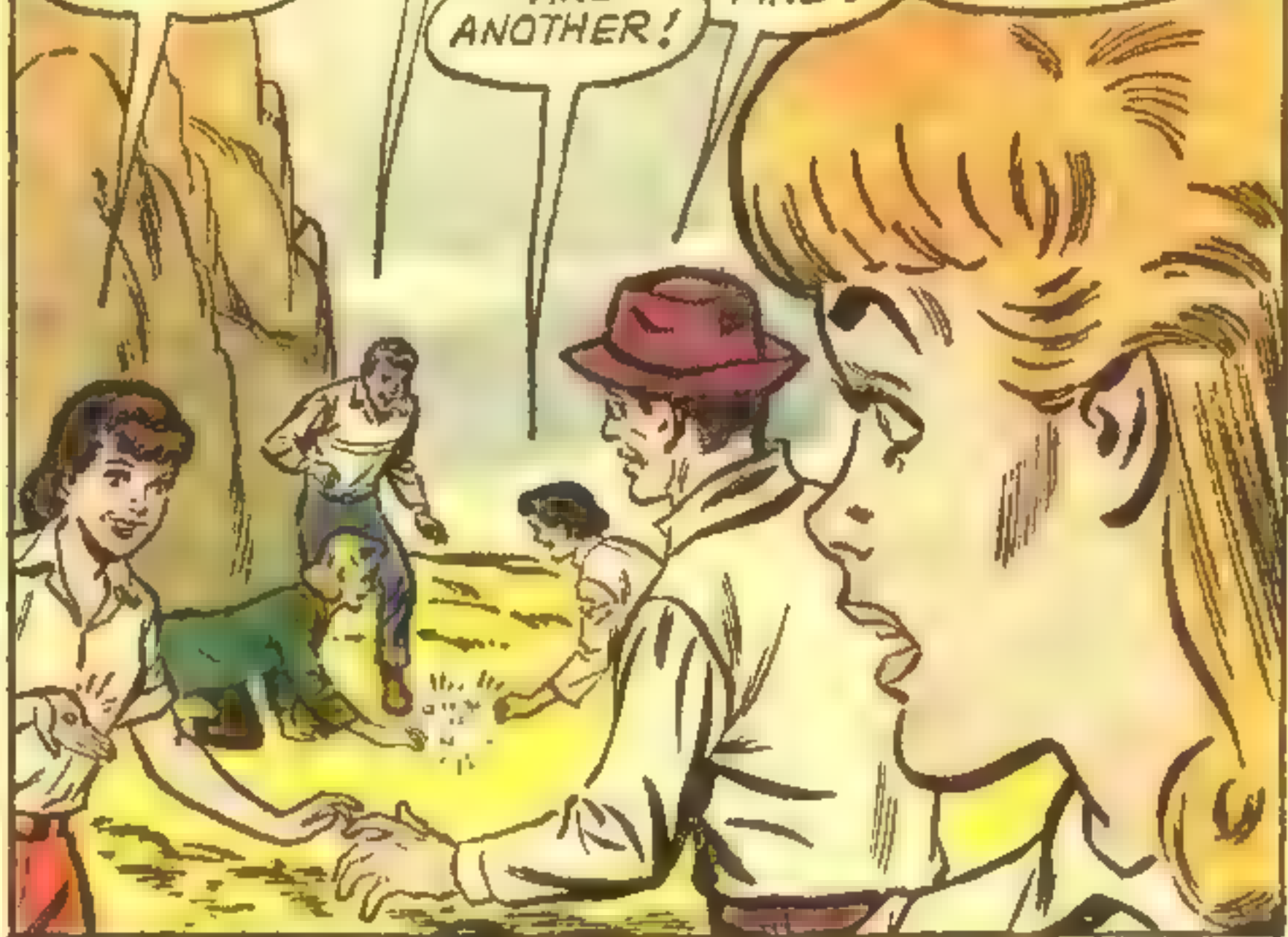
BORING BACK TO THE SURFACE, SHE SWITCHES TO HER LINDA IDENTITY, AND...

LOOK! I FOUND A DIAMOND!

HERE'S ANOTHER!

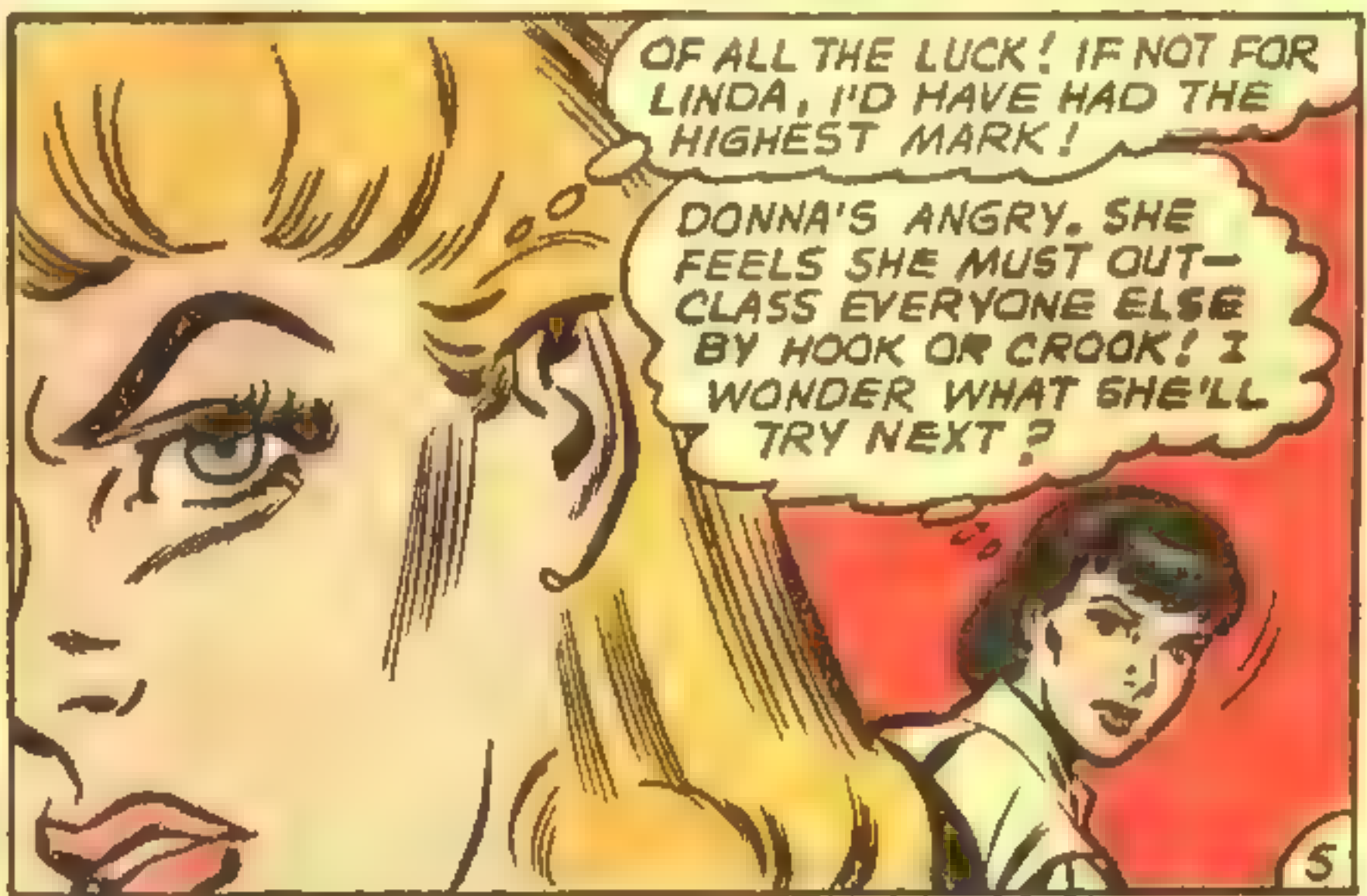
AND ANOTHER!

DIAMONDS ARE THE MOST VALUABLE MINERAL OF ALL. YOU'LL ALL GET TOP MARKS FOR YOUR FIND!



OF ALL THE LUCK! IF NOT FOR LINDA, I'D HAVE HAD THE HIGHEST MARK!

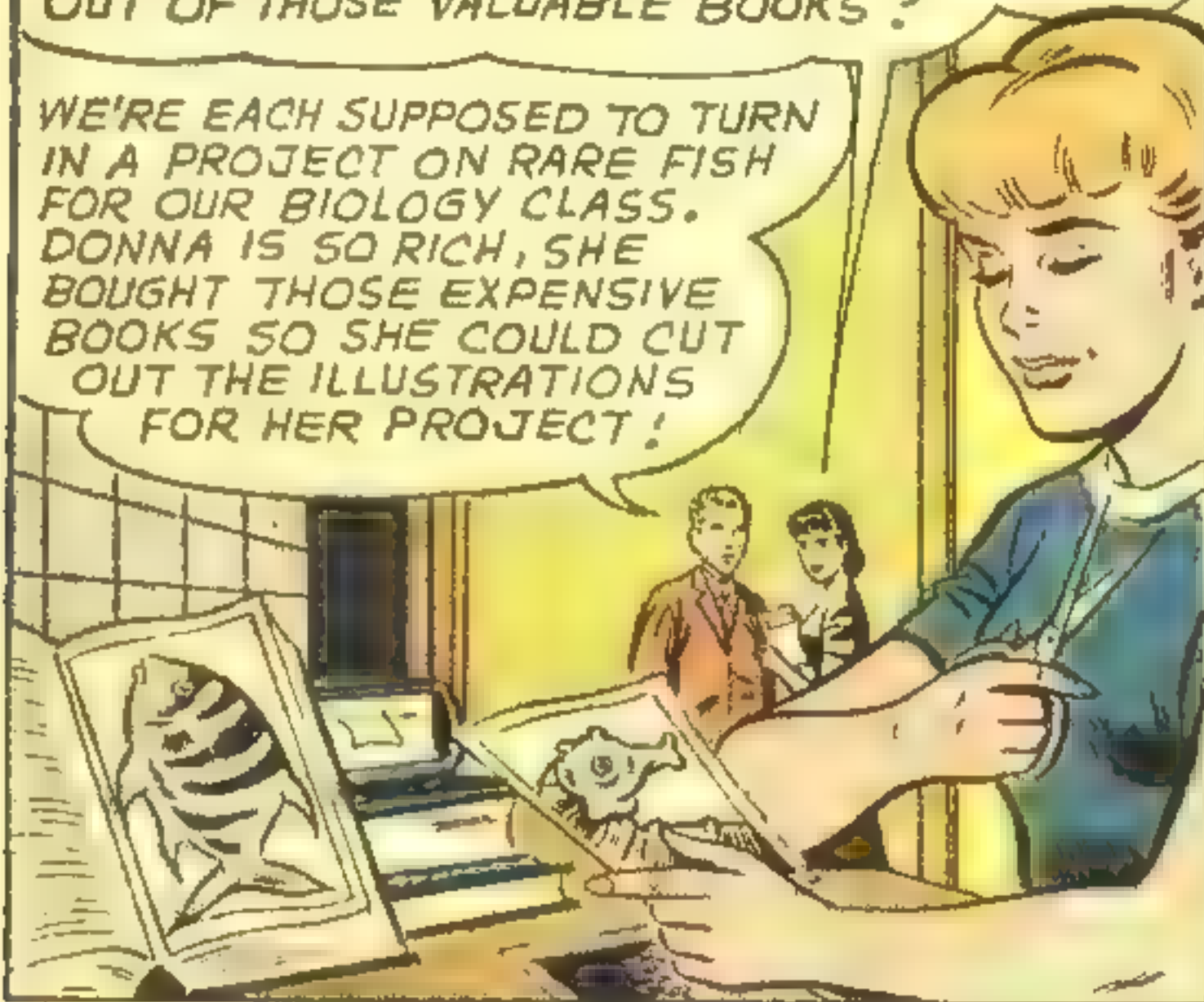
DONNA'S ANGRY. SHE FEELS SHE MUST OUT-CLASS EVERYONE ELSE BY HOOK OR CROOK! I WONDER WHAT SHE'LL TRY NEXT?



THE FOLLOWING DAY, OUTSIDE A STUDY HALL...

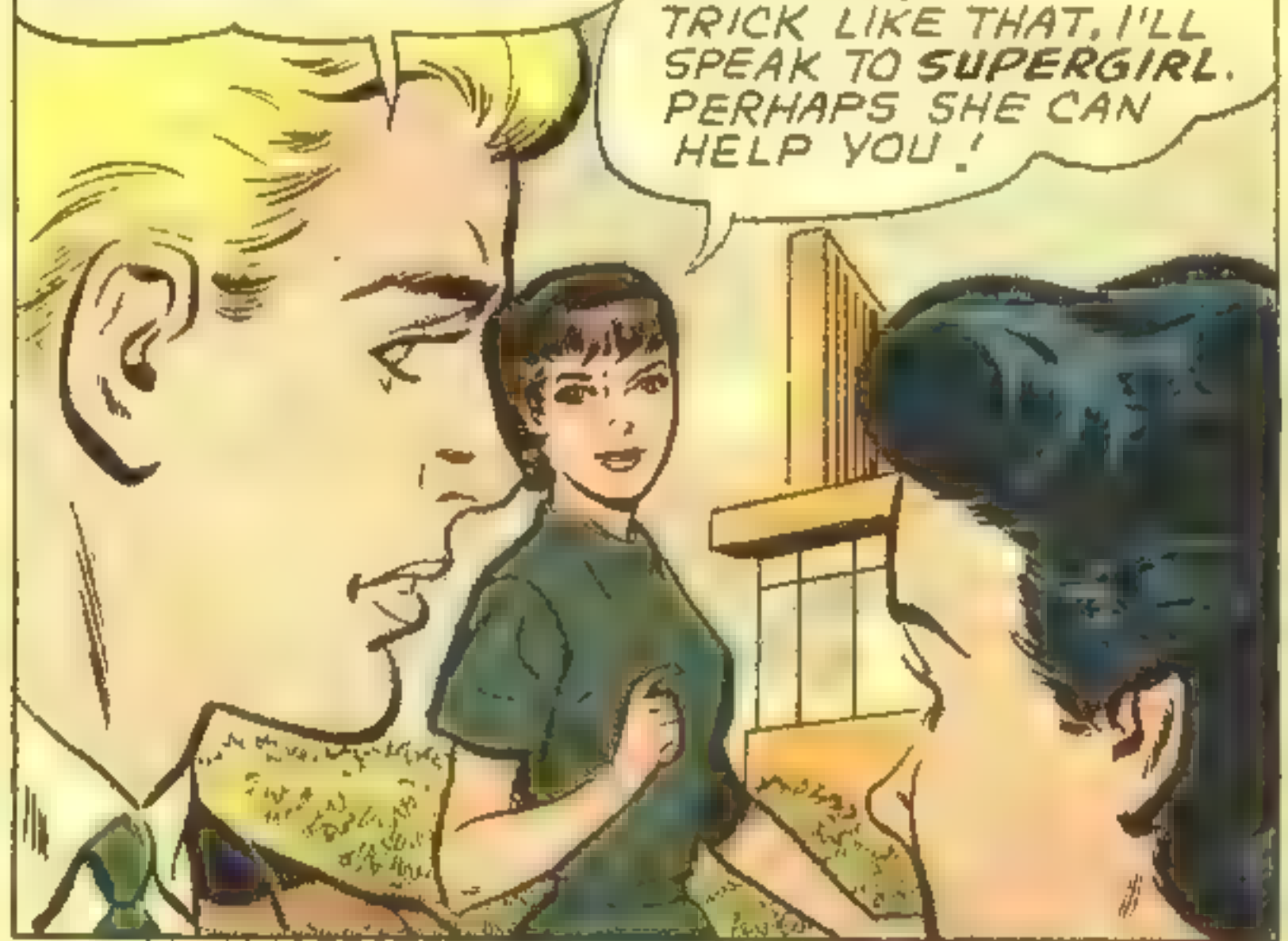
STRANGE! WHY IS DONNA CUTTING PICTURES OUT OF THOSE VALUABLE BOOKS?

WE'RE EACH SUPPOSED TO TURN IN A PROJECT ON RARE FISH FOR OUR BIOLOGY CLASS. DONNA IS SO RICH, SHE BOUGHT THOSE EXPENSIVE BOOKS SO SHE COULD CUT OUT THE ILLUSTRATIONS FOR HER PROJECT!



WITH ALL THOSE FANCY PICTURES SHE'S BOUND TO GET THE HIGHEST MARK! IT'S NOT FAIR!

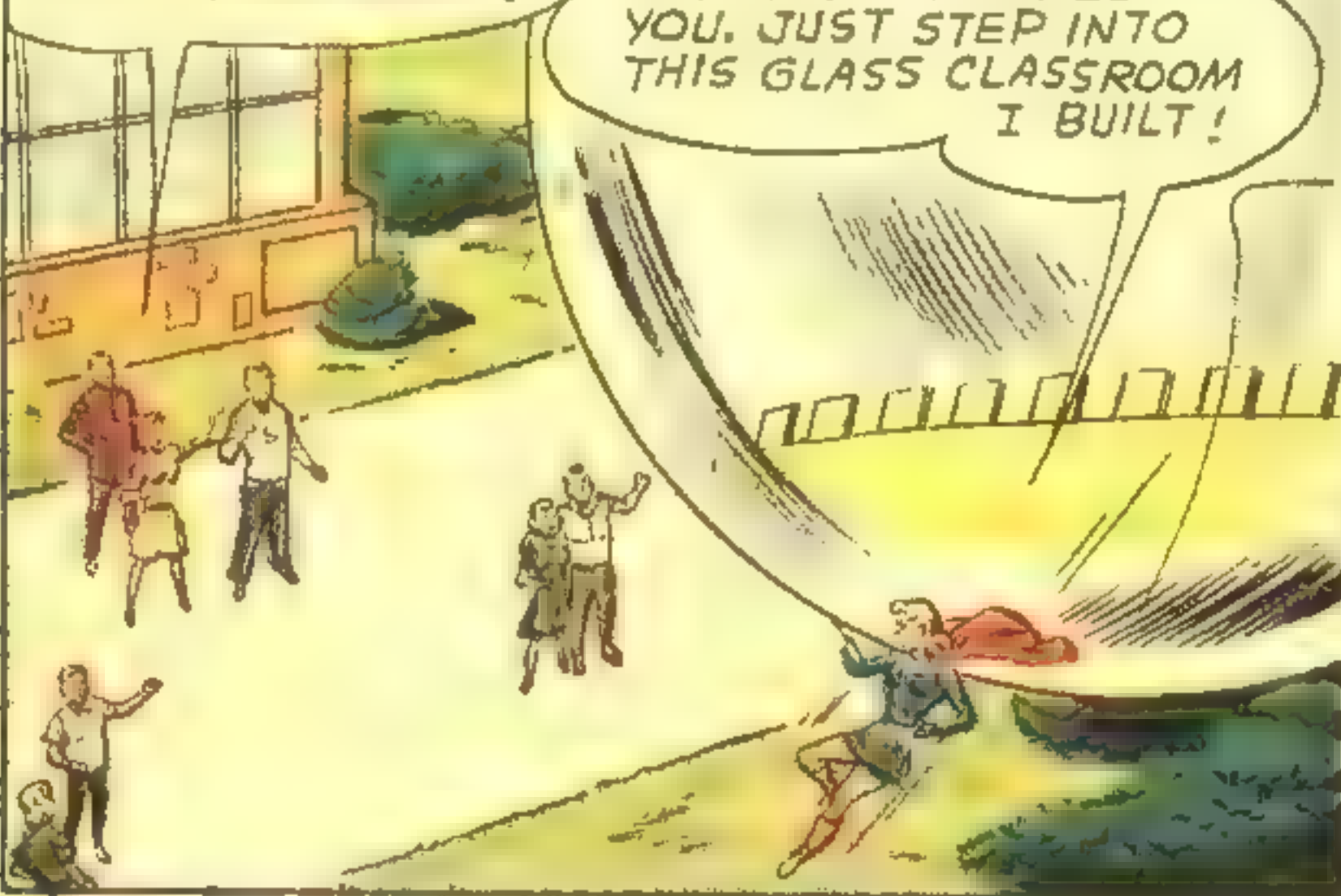
I'M NOT IN DONNA'S BIOLOGY CLASS, BUT I HATE TO SEE HER GET AWAY WITH A TRICK LIKE THAT. I'LL SPEAK TO **SUPERGIRL**. PERHAPS SHE CAN HELP YOU!



SOON AFTERWARD, LINDA RETURNS IN HER **SUPERGIRL** IDENTITY...

LOOK! IT'S LINDA'S FRIEND, **SUPERGIRL**!

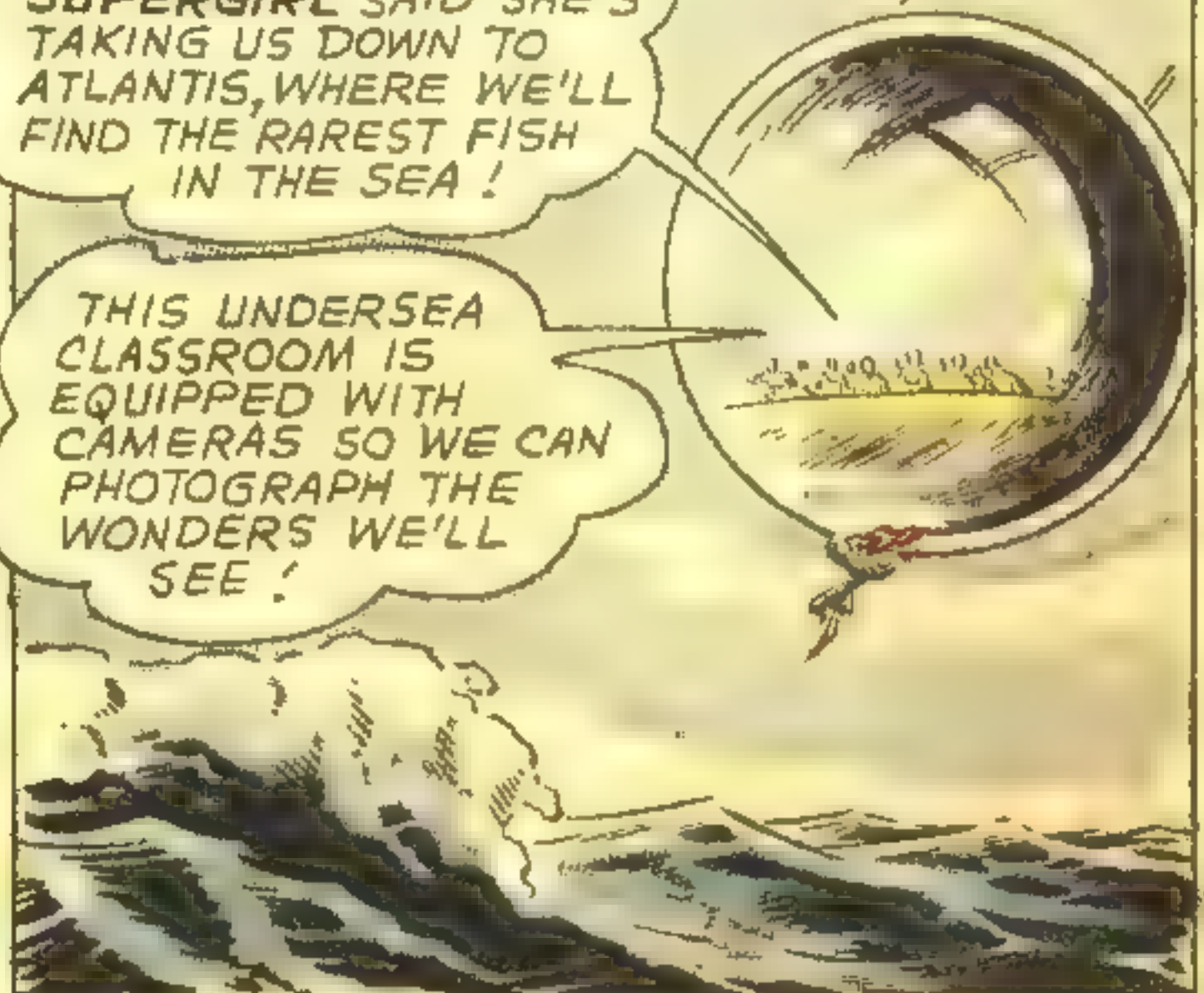
HI! LINDA TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR PROBLEM. I THINK I CAN HELP YOU. JUST STEP INTO THIS GLASS CLASSROOM I BUILT!



AFTER THE STUDENTS ENTER THE HUGE "BUBBLE"...

WOW! **SUPERGIRL** SAID SHE'S TAKING US DOWN TO ATLANTIS, WHERE WE'LL FIND THE RAREST FISH IN THE SEA!

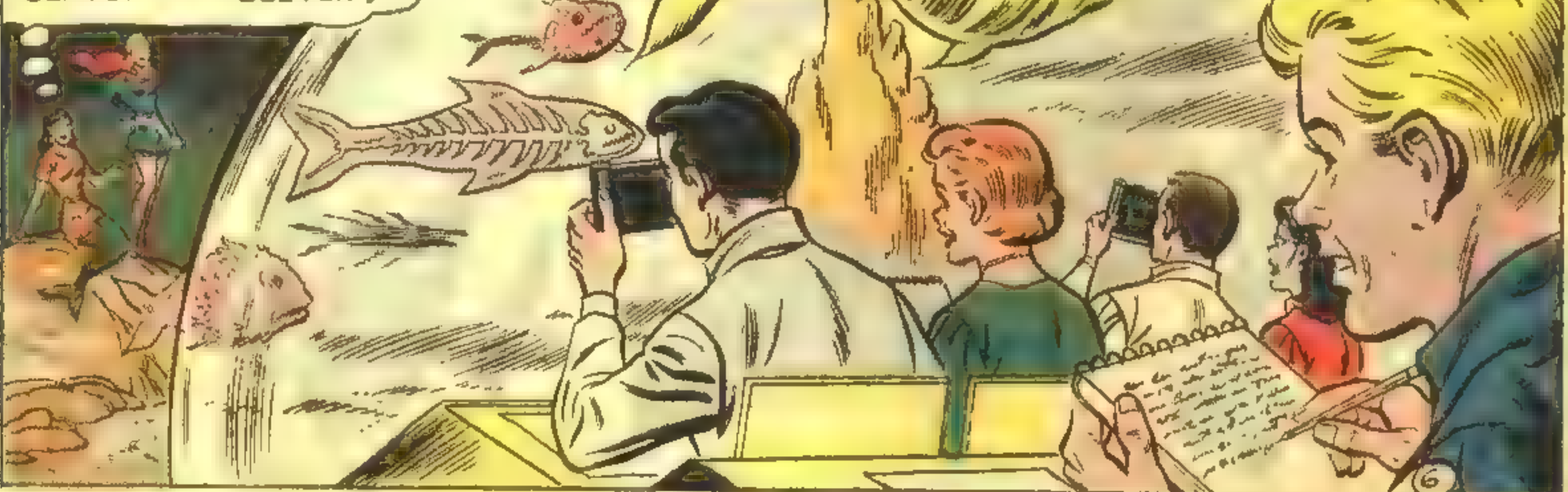
THIS UNDERSEA CLASSROOM IS EQUIPPED WITH CAMERAS SO WE CAN PHOTOGRAPH THE WONDERS WE'LL SEE!



PRESENTLY, ON THE OCEAN FLOOR...

THE ELASTO-FISH CAN SQUEEZE HIS HUGE BULK THROUGH THE TINIEST HOLE IN THE CORAL... AND THE GLASS-FISH HAS TRANSPARENT FLESH SO YOU CAN SEE ITS COMPLETE SKELETON.

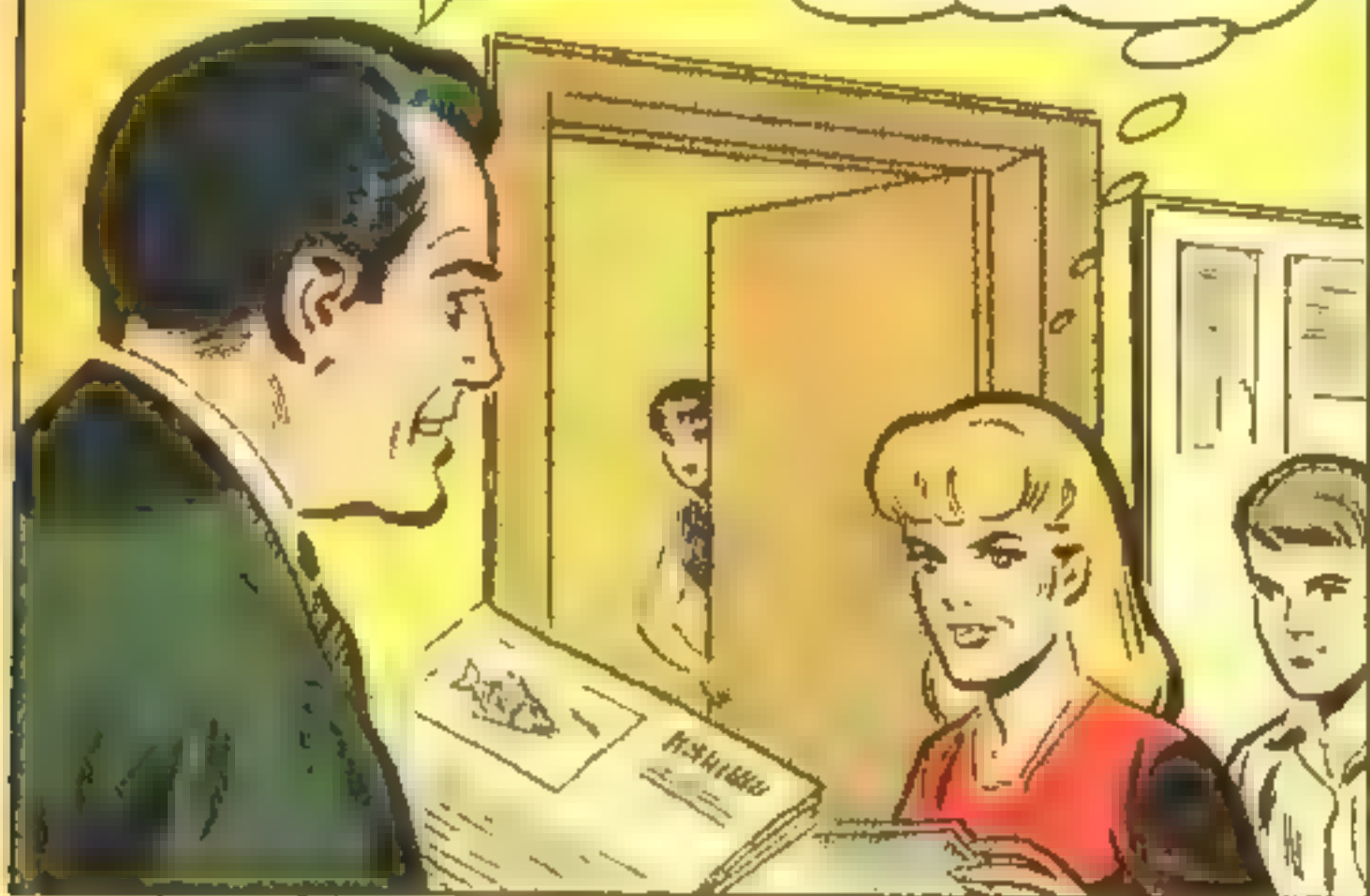
FANTASTIC! **SUPERGIRL**'S FRIEND, LORI, THE MERMAID, IS LECTURING US TELEPATHICALLY!



THE NEXT DAY, AS LINDA EAVESDROPS ON THE BIOLOGY CLASS...

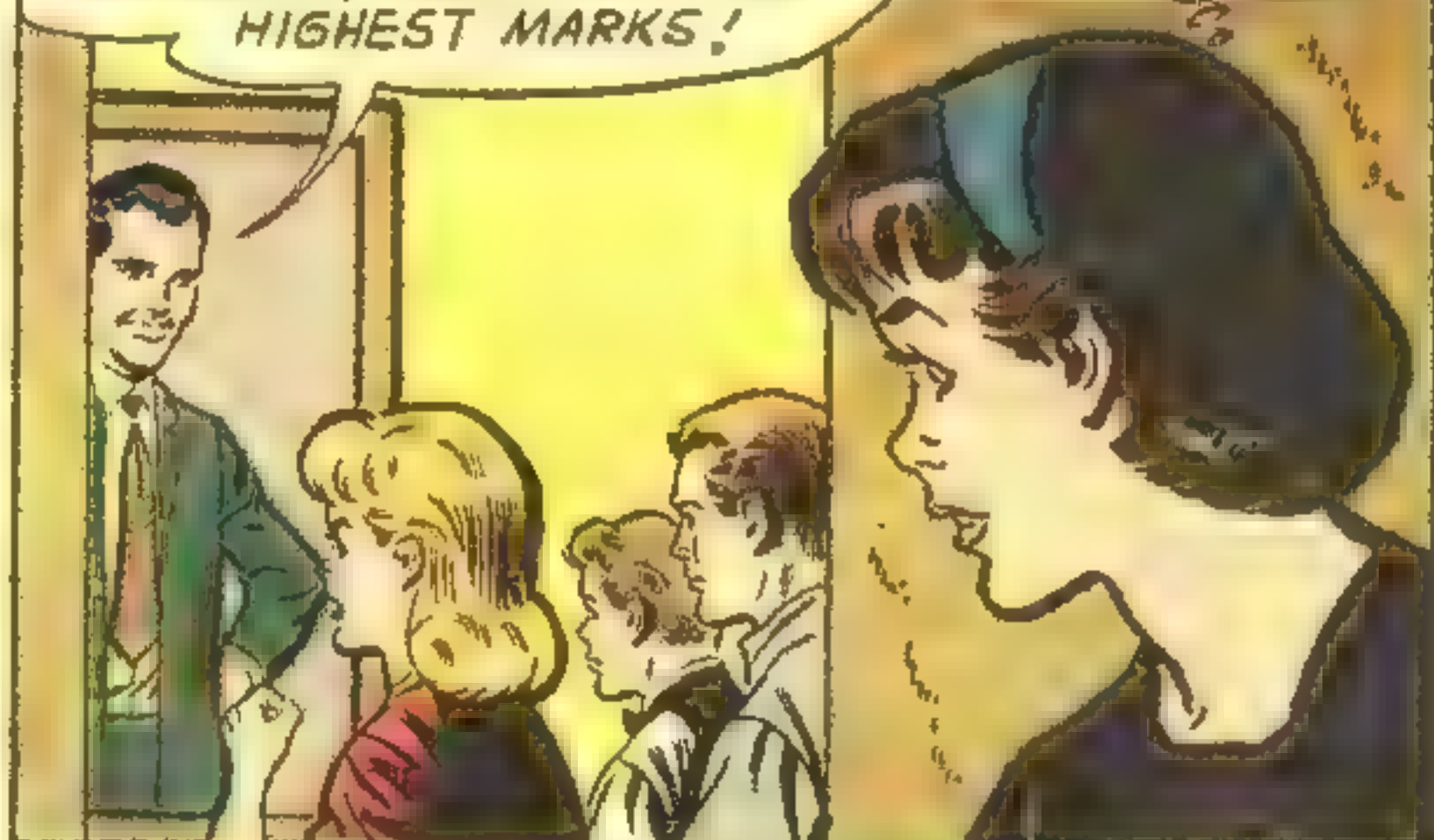
DONNA, YOU TURNED IN A FINE PAPER. IT WAS BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED.

I HAD THE BEST PICTURES MONEY COULD BUY. HA, HA!



AS FOR THE REST OF YOU, YOUR REPORTS OF YOUR UNDERSEA TRIP WITH SUPERGIRL WERE EXTRAORDINARY! WHY, YOU EVEN NOTED A FEW VARIETIES OF FISH UNKNOWN TO SCIENCE. NATURALLY, YOU'LL GET THE HIGHEST MARKS!

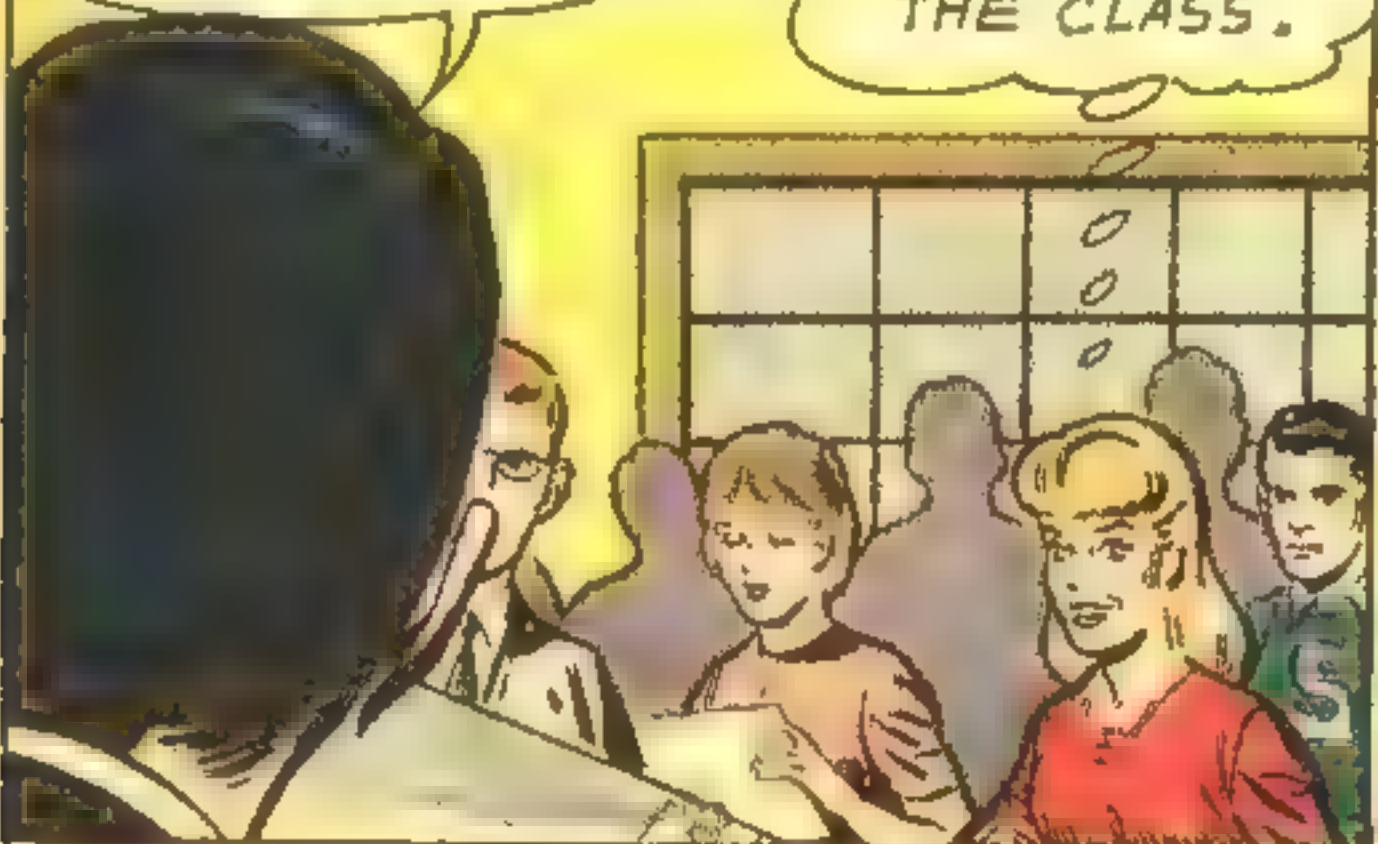
DONNA IS SORE! BUT I'LL BET SHE KEEPS TRYING TO PROVE SHE'S A BIG WHEEL!



LATER, IN A HISTORY CLASS...

REMEMBER, EACH OF YOU MUST PREPARE AN ESSAY ON AN EVENT IN OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY. IT WILL DETERMINE YOUR TERM MARK.

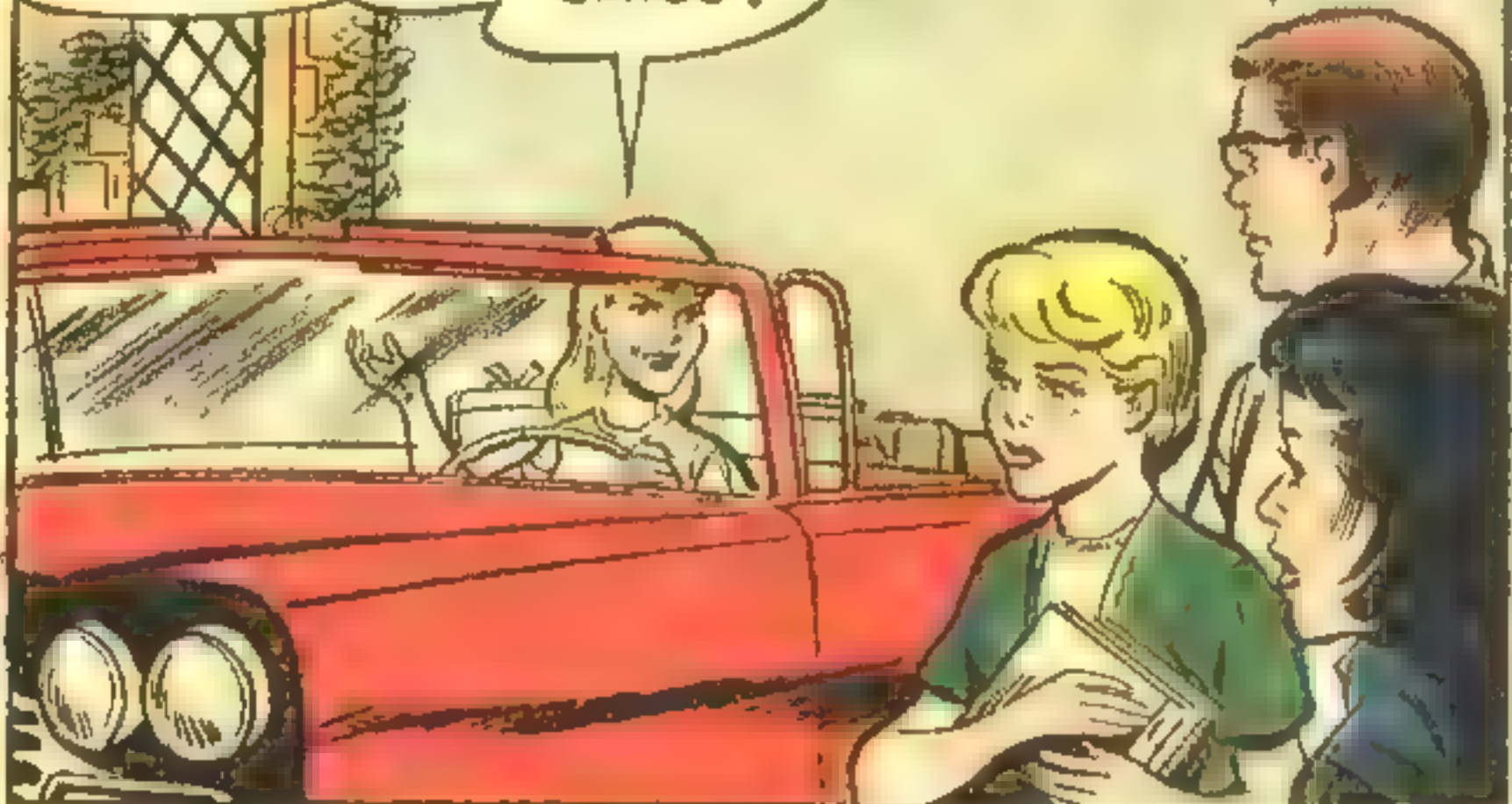
WOW! I JUST GOT AN IDEA THAT MAY GIVE ME THE HIGHEST STANDING IN THE CLASS.



AS THE WEEK ENDS...

GOODBYE, CHUMPS! I'M FLYING TO HOLLYWOOD. THEY'RE MAKING A FILM ABOUT THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS. I'LL JUST TAKE NOTES AS THEY SHOOT AND I'LL HAVE THE BEST ESSAY IN CLASS!

DONNA'S ON HER HIGH HORSE AGAIN!



BUT WHEN LINDA CHECKS WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION...

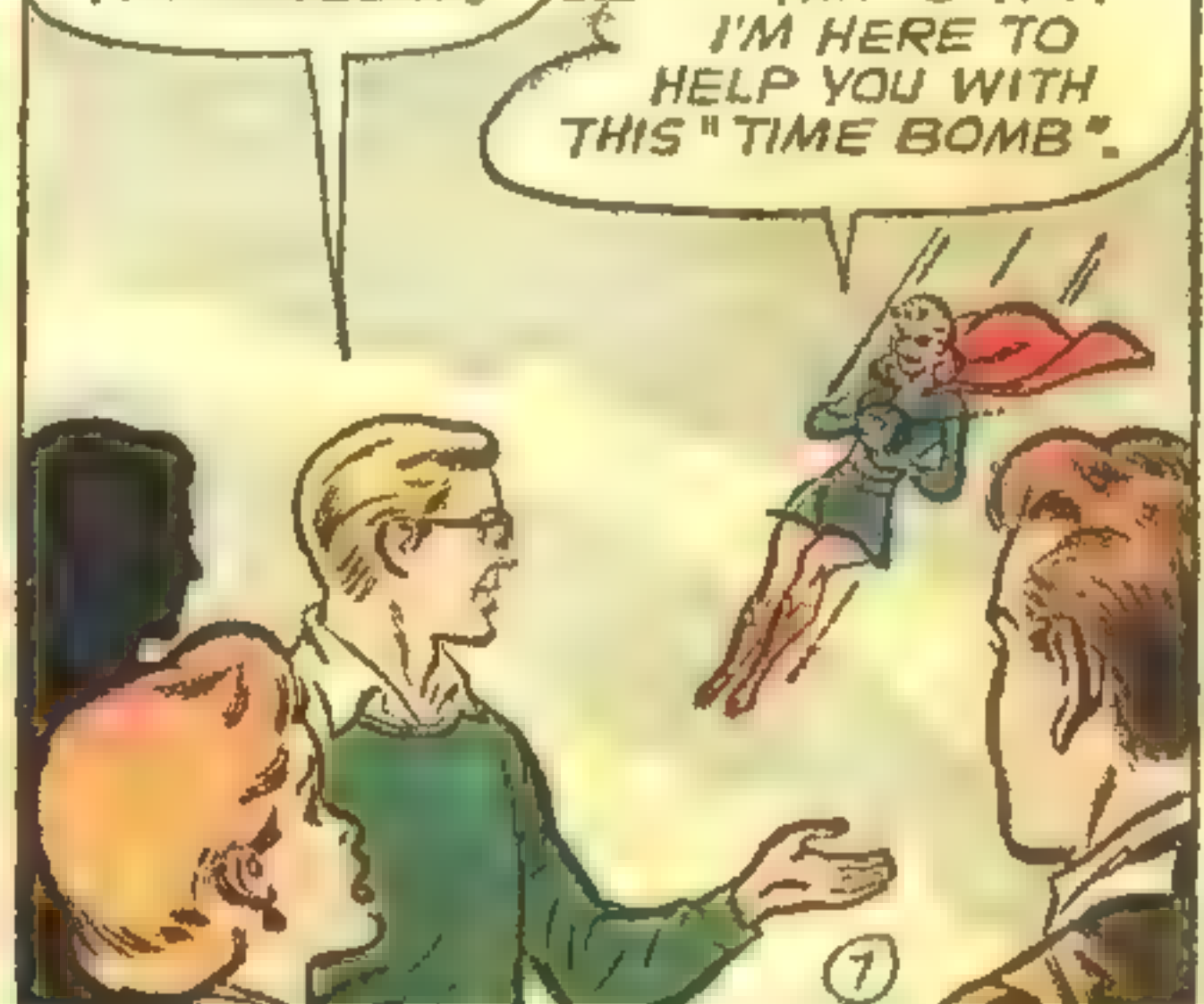
EVERYTHING IN THIS FILM IS AUTHENTIC DOWN TO THE LAST MUSKET AND BAYONET USED BY ANDREW JACKSON AND HIS MEN!

GOOD GRIEF! SHE'LL GO TO ANY LENGTH TO PROVE HER SUPERIORITY. BUT SHE'S DUE FOR ANOTHER SHOCK!

SOON, ON THE CAMPUS...

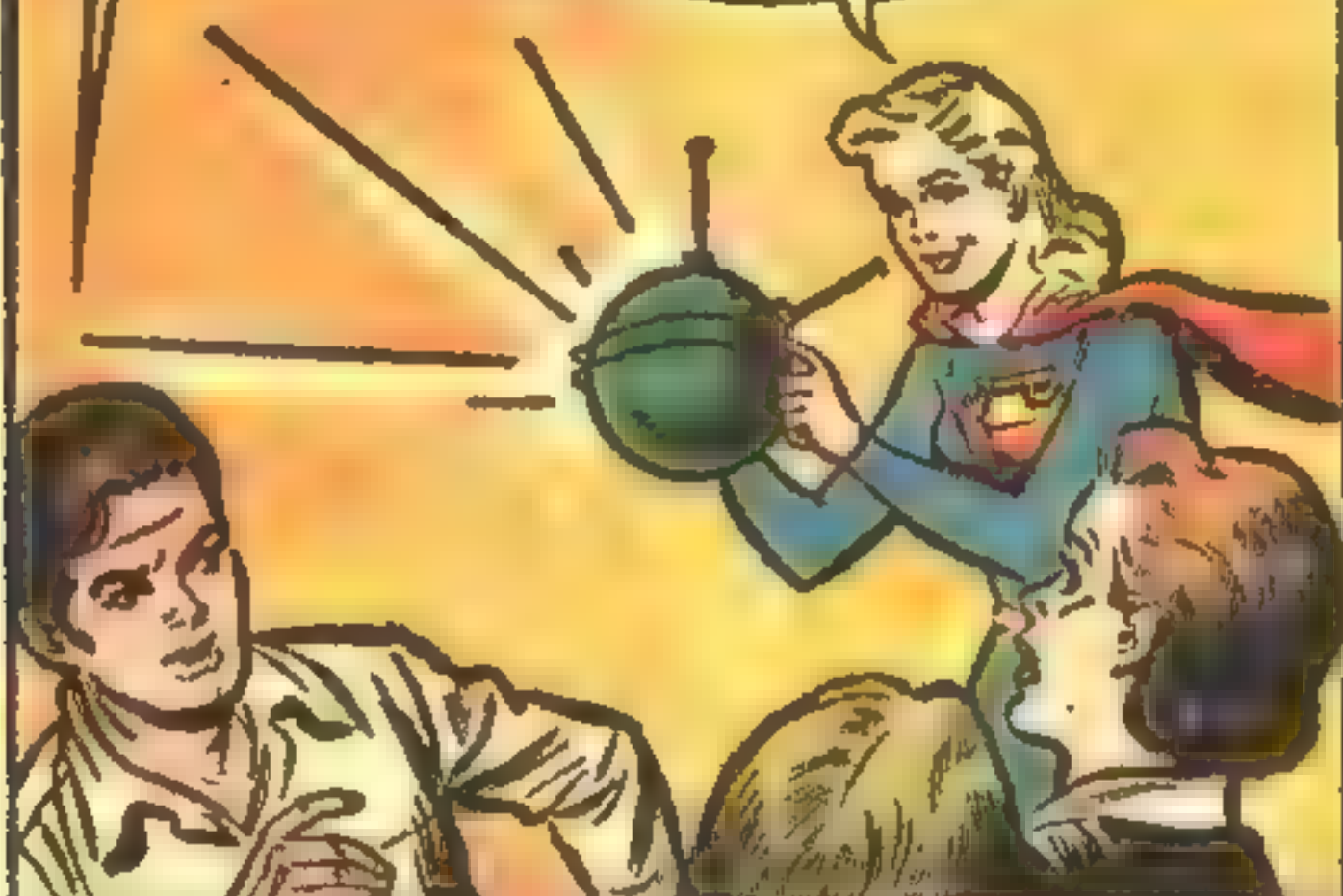
IT'S SUPERGIRL AGAIN! BOY, ARE WE GLAD TO SEE YOU. WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!

LINDA TOLD ME ABOUT IT! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TO HELP YOU WITH THIS "TIME BOMB".



A TIME BOMB! ULP!

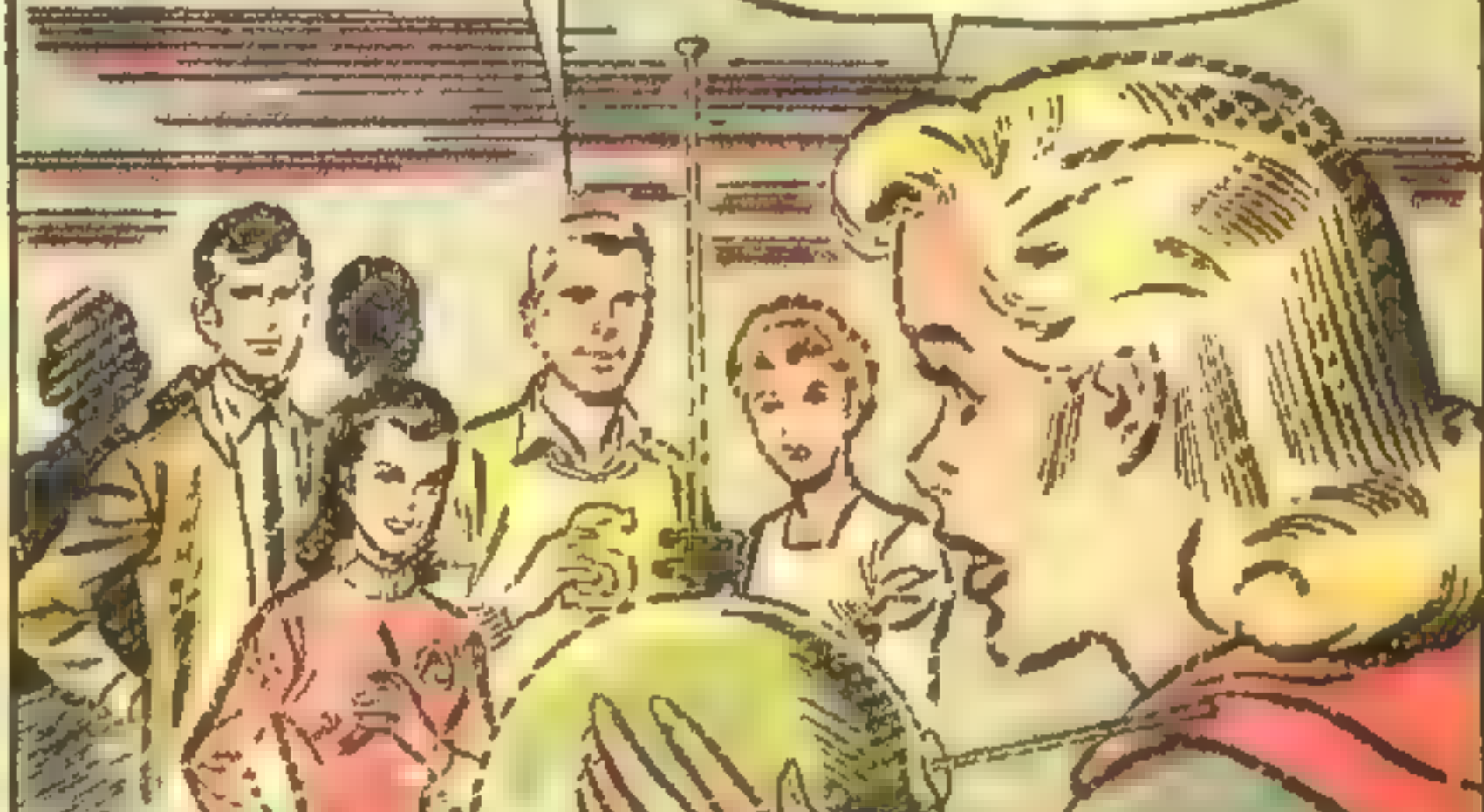
DON'T PANIC! ACTUALLY, IT'S A NEW TIME-TRAVEL DEVICE SUPER-MAN INVENTED. I MERELY ADJUST THE CONTROLS AND WE'LL BE WHISKED INTO THE PAST TO WITNESS ONE OF THE TURNING POINTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY!



AS SUPERGIRL TRIGGERS THE "BOMB"...

WE'RE VANISHING, HEADING INTO THE PAST... I HOPE! WHAT EVENT ARE WE GOING TO SEE, SUPERGIRL?

THE DUEL BETWEEN AARON BURR AND ALEXANDER HAMILTON, WHO WAS ONE OF THE GREAT LEADERS IN AMERICAN HISTORY.



INSTANTS LATER, THEY EMERGE IN THE PAST...

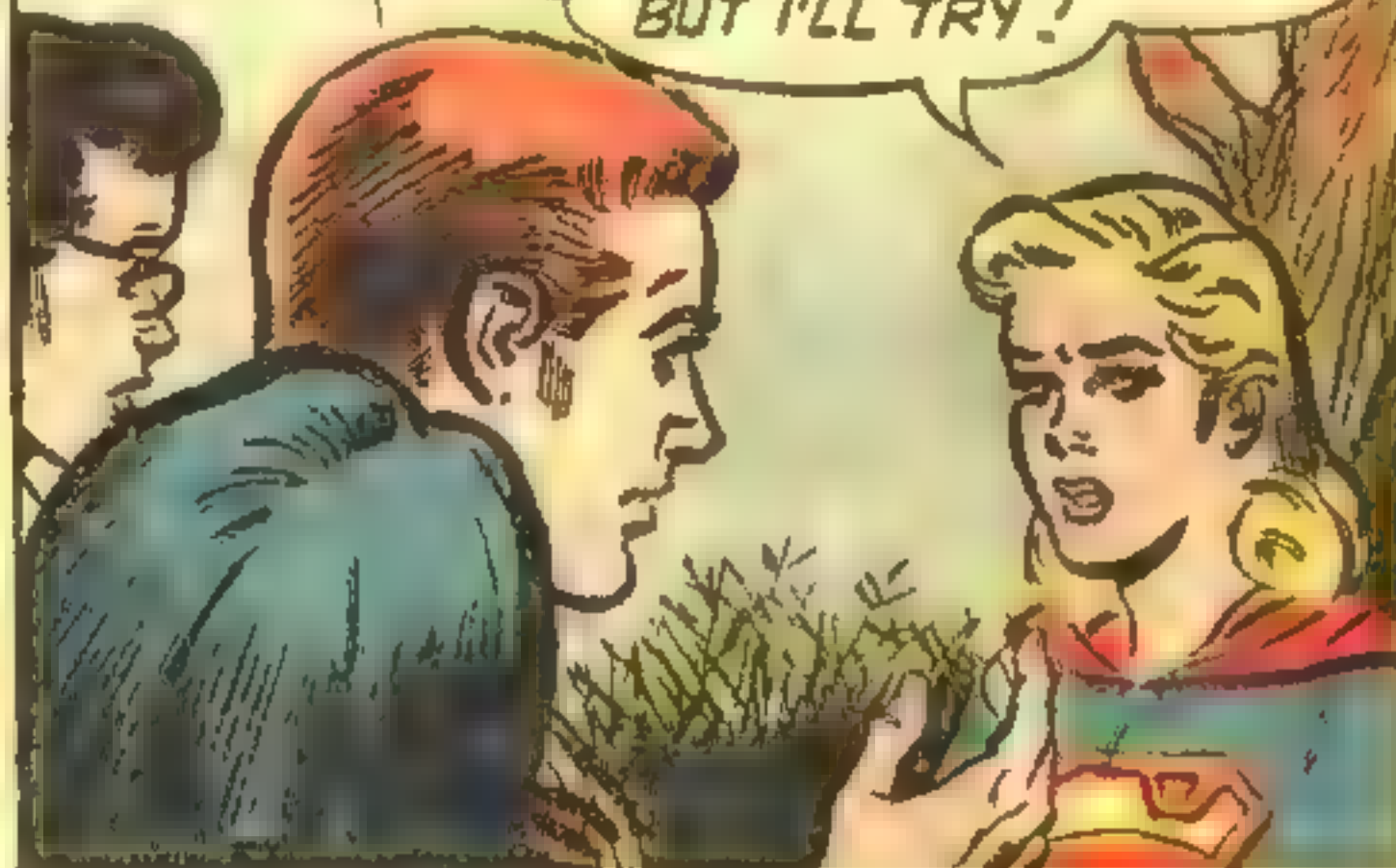


HERE WE ARE IN THE YEAR 1804, AT THE SCENE OF THE DUEL!

WE'RE JUST IN TIME! LOOK! THEY'RE ABOUT TO FIRE AT EACH OTHER!

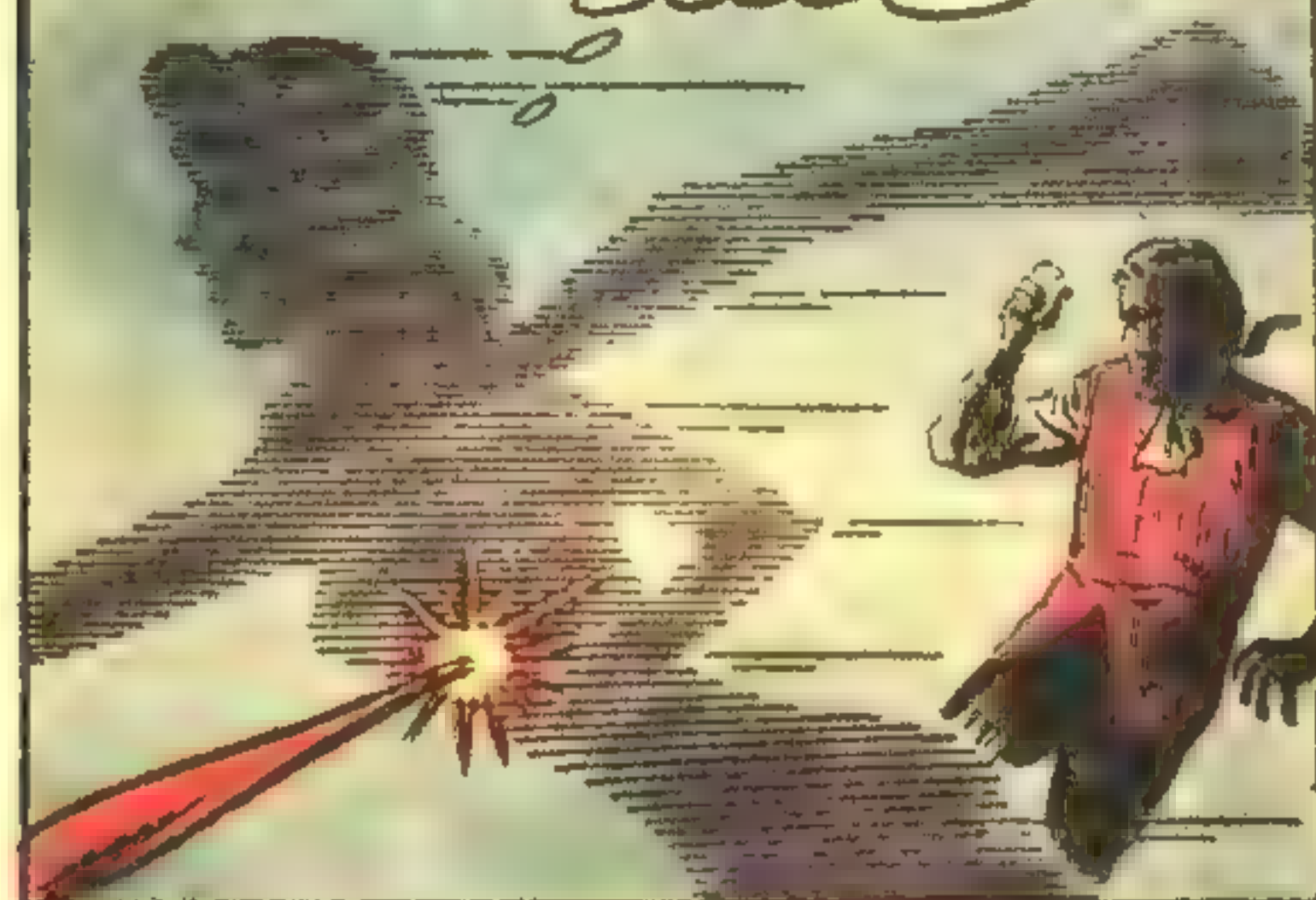
SUPERGIRL! HAMILTON WAS ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST MEN. ACCORDING TO HISTORY, HE'S FATED TO BE SHOT IN THIS DUEL! CAN'T YOU USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS TO SAVE HIM?

NO ONE CAN ALTER THE FACTS OF HISTORY... BUT I'LL TRY!



AT INVISIBLE SUPER-SPEED SHE STREAKS INTO THE LINE OF FIRE!

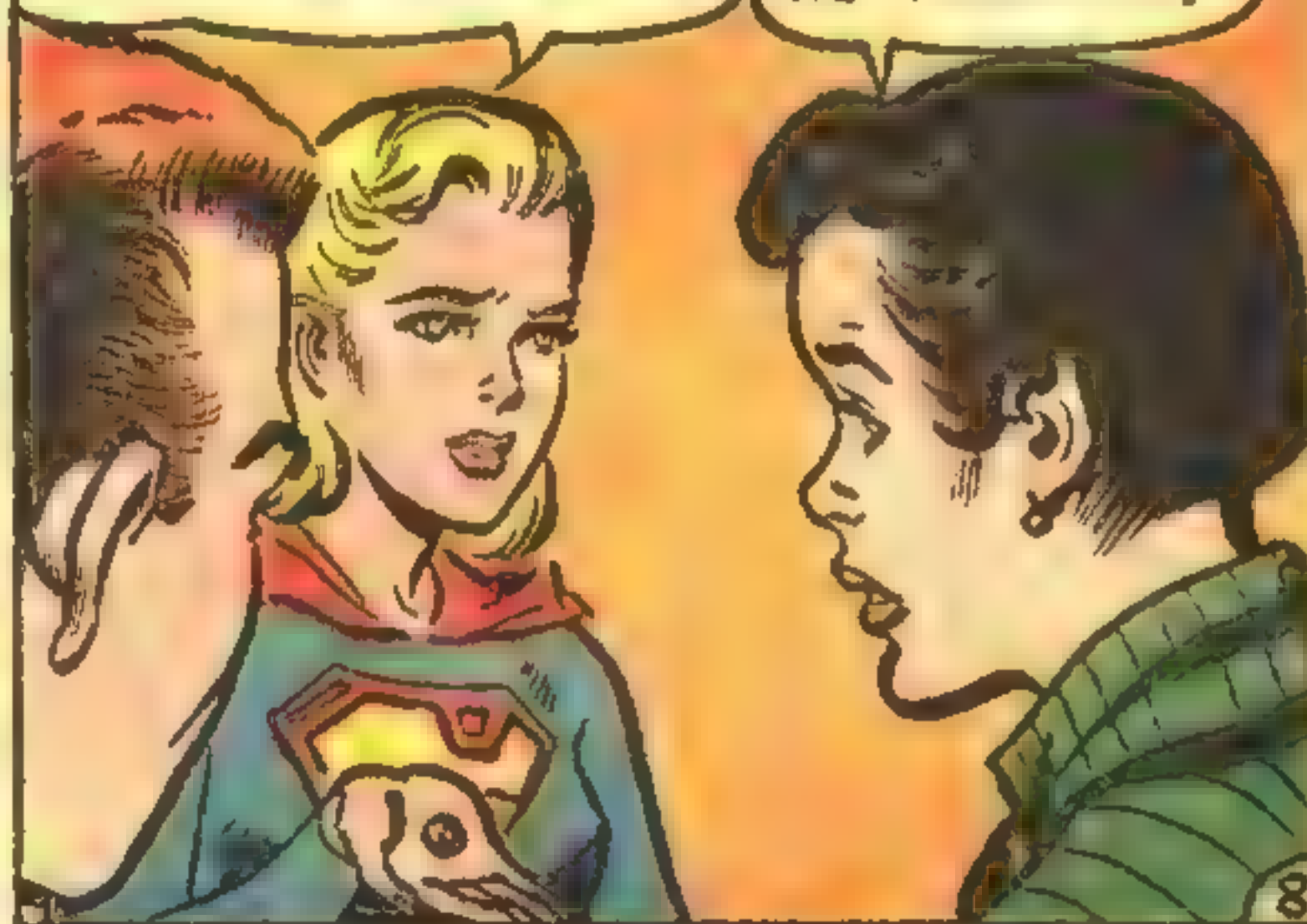
STRANGE...I STOPPED THE BULLET...AND YET HAMILTON IS FALLING!



AN INSTANT LATER...

SEE? I STOPPED THE BULLET, BUT THE LEAD BALL BROKE AND HALF OF IT STRUCK HAMILTON, KILLING HIM.

YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERGIRL. NO ONE CAN CHANGE HISTORY... NOT EVEN YOU!



RETURNING TO THE PRESENT, THE STUDENTS PRESENT THEIR CLASS REPORTS...

STUDENTS, THANKS TO YOUR TIME-TRIP WITH SUPER-GIRL, YOUR REPORTS ON THE BURR-HAMILTON DUEL ARE ABSOLUTELY ACCURATE.

A MERE DUEL! I DESCRIBED THE BIGGEST BATTLE IN THE WAR OF 1812 AND YET YOU FAILED ME.

YOUR PAPER WAS INACCURATE, DONNA. AT THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS, MOST AMERICAN SOLDIERS USED RIFLES, NOT MUSKETS AND BAYONETS. AND YOU DIDN'T MENTION THAT THE BATTLE WAS FOUGHT WEEKS AFTER THE PEACE TREATY WAS SIGNED!

THOSE HOLLYWOOD WRITERS! BAH! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TRUSTED THEIR RESEARCH.

LATER... BUT IT'S MOSTLY SUPERGIRL'S FAULT. SHE'S MADE ME A LAUGHING-STOCK ON CAMPUS!... I'LL GET AT HER THROUGH HER FRIEND, LINDA... AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO EVEN THE SCORE!

THAT NIGHT, DONNA SLIPS INTO THE SCIENCE BUILDING, AND...

THEY'RE HOLDING A PEP-RALLY TO PREPARE FOR THE BIG FOOTBALL GAME NEXT WEEK. EVERYBODY'S AT THE BONFIRE, SO I CAN SLIP INTO THE MINERAL COLLECTION WITHOUT BEING SEEN.

THE NEXT DAY, THE CAMPUS IS IN AN UPROAR ...

THEY SAY THAT SOMEONE STOLE VALUABLE SPECIMENS FROM THE COLLEGE MINERAL COLLECTION...

SO THAT'S WHY THE AUTHORITIES ARE CHECKING ALL THE DORMITORIES! I WONDER WHO STOLE THOSE MINERALS?

SHOCKING MINUTES LATER, IN LINDA'S ROOM...

AHA! THE MISSING GOLD ORE AND DIAMONDS! AND THERE'S THE KEY TO THE COLLECTION ROOM, TOO. CAN YOU EXPLAIN IT, MISS DANVERS?

GASP! I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY GOT THERE.

COME WITH ME, YOUNG LADY! I'M NOTIFYING YOUR PARENTS AT ONCE. YOU'LL BE EXPELLED FOR THIS!

KICKED OUT OF COLLEGE AS A COMMON THIEF! HOW CAN I FACE MOTHER AND DAD? CHOKE!

THAT NIGHT, IN THE DORMITORY...

LINDA, WE ALL KNOW YOU'RE NOT GUILTY! BUT WHO COULD HAVE PLANTED THAT CROOKED EVIDENCE IN YOUR ROOM?

THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO IS MEAN ENOUGH, WHO DISLIKES ME ENOUGH TO DO SUCH AN UNDERHANDED TRICK!

DONNA! THERE SHE SITS, GLOATING. IT'S SHE WHO SHOULD BE EXPELLED. LOOK...SHE'S STILL USING THOSE FAKE EARRINGS TO HELP HER CHEAT ON HER HOMEWORK.

THE NEXT DAY, WHEN MR. AND MRS. DANVERS ARRIVE...

THE EVIDENCE CAN'T BE DENIED! LINDA WILL HAVE TO LEAVE STANHOPE AT ONCE!

MY DAUGHTER IS INNOCENT. I KNOW IT!

I COULD PROVE I'M NOT GUILTY BY MERELY SHOWING HIM I'M **SUPERGIRL**. BUT I DON'T DARE REVEAL MY IDENTITY.

AS HER PARENTS WAIT, LINDA SAYS GOODBYE TO HER FRIENDS...

GOODBYE, LINDA! ALL OF US IN ALPHA LAMBDA WILL MISS YOU!

YES, EVERYONE WILL MISS ME BUT DONNA. HERE SHE COMES, LOOKING LIKE THE CAT THAT SWALLOWED THE MOUSE.

AS LINDA AND HER ANTAGONIST ARE LEFT ALONE...

YOU SEEM GLAD TO SEE ME GO, DONNA. I'LL BET YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THOSE STOLEN MINERALS THAN I DO!

YES! I FRAMED YOU, LINDA. I STOLE THE GOLD ORE AND DIAMONDS--AND PLANTED THEM IN YOUR ROOM. AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT!

I WANTED TO GET EVEN WITH YOU, AND WITH YOUR FRIEND, **SUPERGIRL**. YOU'VE BOTH BEEN GETTING IN MY HAIR. I DON'T MIND TELLING YOU THIS, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PROVE I'M THE GUILTY ONE.

CAN'T I? YOU'D BE SURPRISED!

AT THAT MOMENT, DONNA'S CONFESSION IS POURING OUT THROUGH THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM IN THE NEARBY STADIUM...

I USED TO BE MISS BIG AT STANHOPE, UNTIL YOU AND **SUPERGIRL** MADE ME LOOK RIDICULOUS... THAT'S WHY I FRAMED YOU.

THAT'S DONNA STORM'S VOICE! SHE'S THE CULPRIT! I'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!

SOON, AS THE AUTHORITIES CONFRONT THE SCHEMING GIRL... I DON'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED, BUT THOUSANDS OF WITNESSES HEARD YOU CONFESS YOUR CRIME, MISS STORM. NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY YOUR FATHER HAS DONATED, YOU CAN'T REMAIN AT STANHOPE!

OH, NO! NO!

LINDA, ACCEPT MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES! WE'D BE PROUD TO HAVE YOU REMAIN AT STANHOPE.

SOB! I KNEW MY LINDA WOULD BE CLEARED AT LAST!

LATER, IN A SECLUDED CORNER OF THE CAMPUS...

HOW DID YOU GET DONNA TO BROADCAST THE DETAILS OF HER SCHEME OVER THE STADIUM AMPLIFIER?

HERE'S SOMEONE WHO CAN EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.

SHRINKING VIOLET, THE MEMBER OF THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** WHO CAN SHRINK TO INFINITESIMAL SIZE AT WILL!

I'LL EXPLAIN, I WAS IN THE **LEGION CLUBHOUSE** WHEN WE GOT LINDA'S MESSAGE...

THOUGH DONNA'S FRAMING ME, I KNOW HOW TO EXPOSE HER! BUT I'LL NEED **SHRINKING VIOLET**'S HELP.

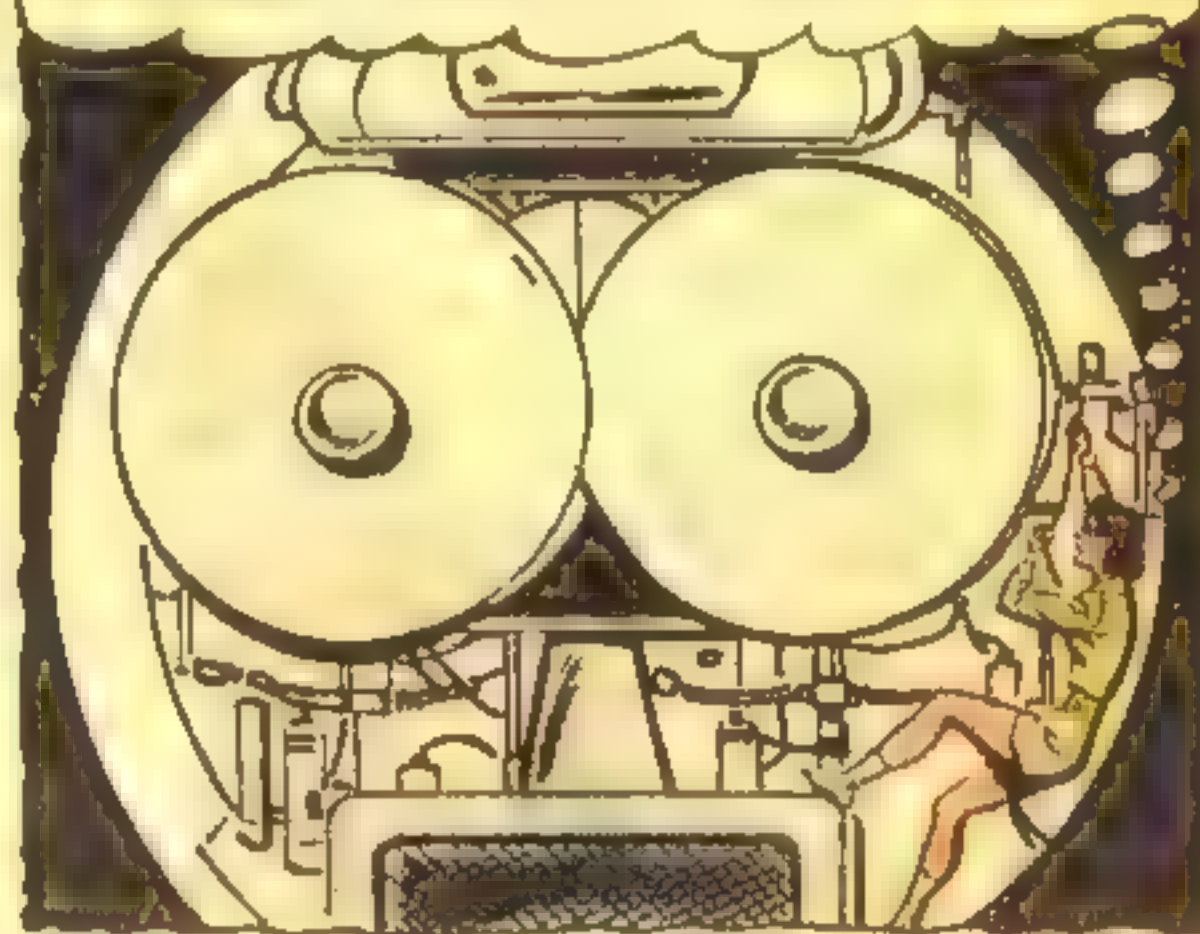
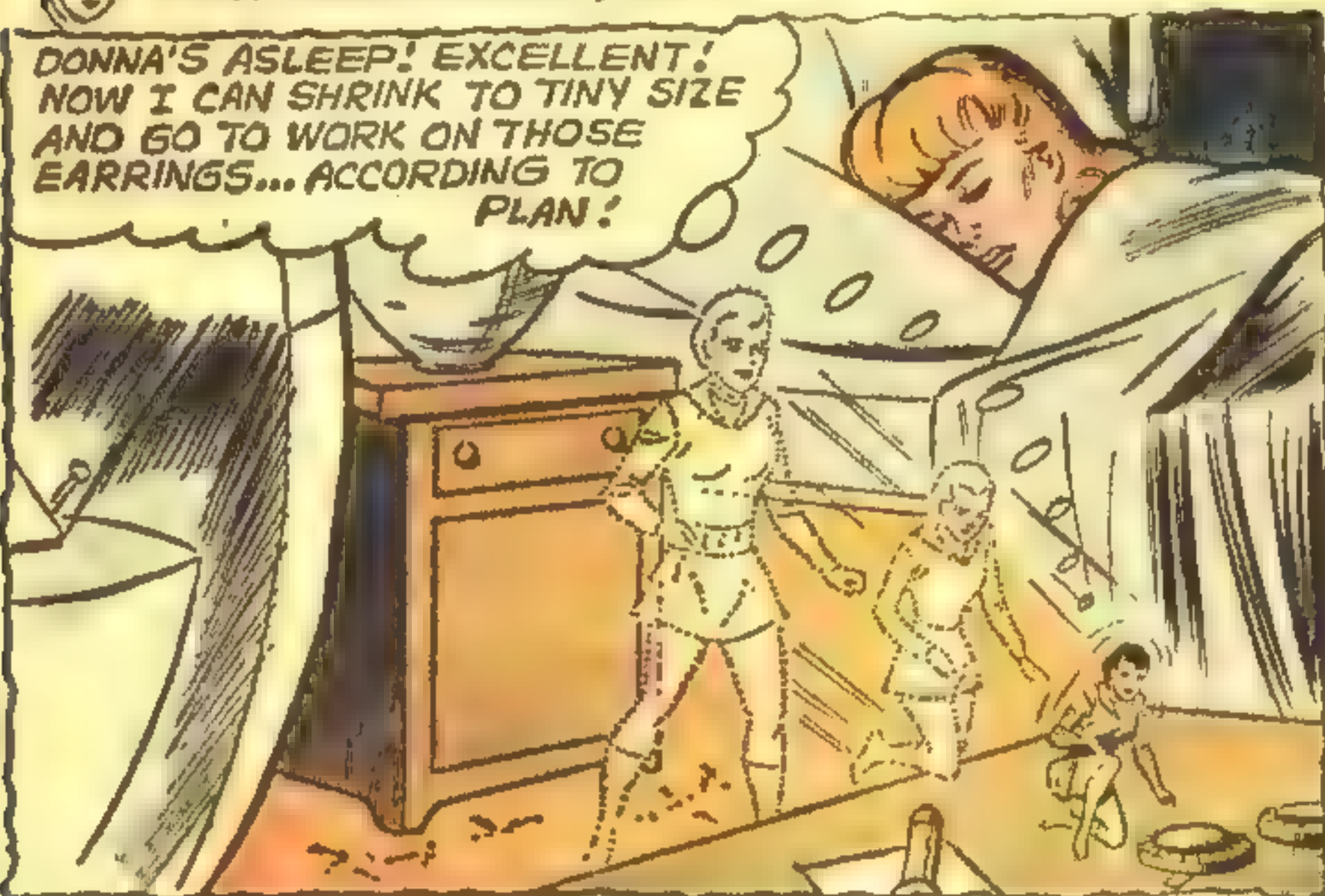
I'M READY, **SUPERGIRL**... I MEAN, LINDA!

"FOLLOWING ORDERS, I CAME FROM THE FUTURE IN A TIME CAPSULE, AND..."

DONNA'S ASLEEP! EXCELLENT! NOW I CAN SHRINK TO TINY SIZE AND GO TO WORK ON THOSE EARRINGS... ACCORDING TO PLAN!

SOON I WAS SMALL ENOUGH TO SLIP INTO ONE EARRING...

SINCE I'M FROM THE ADVANCED 30TH CENTURY, IT'S SIMPLE FOR ME TO REWIRE THIS ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT AND TURN IT INTO A RADIO TRANSMITTER TUNED INTO THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AT THE STADIUM...



"AND SO, LATER, WHEN DONNA CONFESSED WHILE WEARING THOSE EARRINGS..."

YES, I FRAMED YOU, LINDA!

...I FRAMED YOU, LINDA!

AS SHRINKING VIOLET RETURNS TO THE FUTURE...

GOODBYE, LINDA... AND GOOD LUCK... BY THE WAY, OUR TIME MONITORS HAVE SEEN YOU IN SOME AMAZING ADVENTURES THAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT STANHOPE.

GOSH! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT THEY WILL BE!



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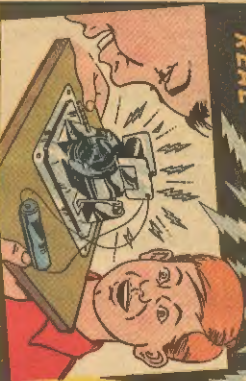
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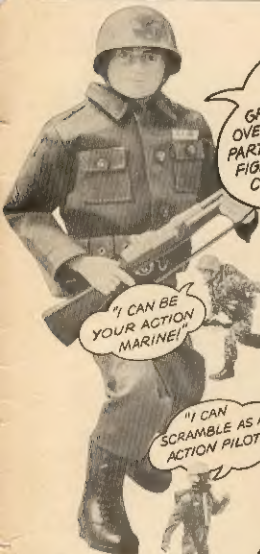
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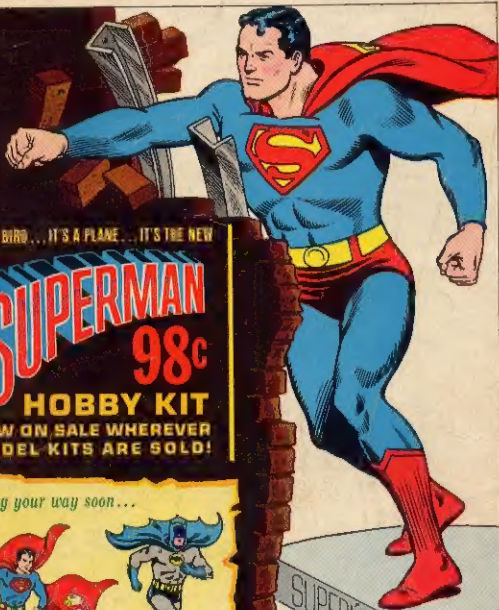
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